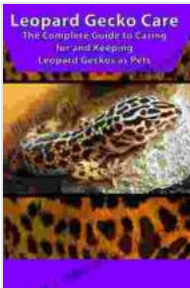


The Complete Guide to Caring For and Keeping Leopard Geckos as Pets



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Leopard geckos are one of the most popular pet reptiles, and for good reason. They are relatively easy to care for, they are generally docile and friendly, and they come in a wide variety of colors and patterns.

If you are thinking about getting a leopard gecko as a pet, this guide will provide you with all the information you need to know about their care and keeping.

Housing

Leopard geckos need a secure enclosure that is big enough for them to move around comfortably. The enclosure should be made of glass or plastic, and it should have a screen top to allow for ventilation. The enclosure should also be escape-proof, as leopard geckos are good climbers.

The size of the enclosure will depend on the age and size of your leopard gecko. A 20-gallon enclosure is a good size for a single adult leopard gecko. If you have multiple leopard geckos, you will need a larger enclosure.

The enclosure should be furnished with a hide box, a water bowl, and a food dish. The hide box should be big enough for your leopard gecko to fit inside, and it should be made of a material that is easy to clean.

The water bowl should be big enough for your leopard gecko to soak in, and it should be refilled with fresh water daily.

The food dish should be big enough for your leopard gecko to eat from comfortably, and it should be made of a material that is easy to clean.

Heating and Lighting

Leopard geckos are ectothermic, which means that they rely on external heat sources to regulate their body temperature. The ideal temperature gradient for a leopard gecko is between 75-85 degrees Fahrenheit (24-29 degrees Celsius). The basking spot should be between 90-100 degrees Fahrenheit (32-38 degrees Celsius).

There are a number of different ways to heat a leopard gecko enclosure. One option is to use a heat lamp. Heat lamps can be [Free Downloaded](#) at most pet stores.

Another option is to use a heat mat. Heat mats are placed under the enclosure and they provide heat from below.

No matter which type of heat source you choose, it is important to monitor the temperature of the enclosure regularly. You can use a thermometer to measure the temperature.

In addition to heat, leopard geckos also need UVB lighting. UVB lighting helps leopard geckos to absorb calcium, which is essential for bone health.

UVB lighting can be provided by a UVB bulb. UVB bulbs can be found at most pet stores.

Feeding

Leopard geckos are insectivores, which means that they eat insects. The most common type of food for leopard geckos is crickets. Other insects that leopard geckos can eat include mealworms, waxworms, and dubia roaches.

Leopard geckos should be fed every 2-3 days. The amount of food that you feed your leopard gecko will depend on its age and size.

It is important to gut-load your leopard gecko's food before feeding it to them. Gut-loading is the process of feeding your leopard gecko's food with a nutritious diet. This will help to ensure that your leopard gecko is getting the nutrients it needs.

Health

Leopard geckos are generally healthy animals, but they can be susceptible to a number of health problems, including respiratory infections, digestive problems, and skin problems.

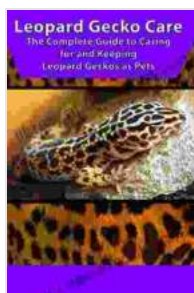
It is important to take your leopard gecko to a veterinarian for regular checkups. Your veterinarian can help to diagnose and treat any health problems that your leopard gecko may have.

Behaviour

Leopard geckos are generally docile and friendly animals, but they can be territorial. It is important to provide your leopard gecko with enough space to move around and to avoid overcrowding the enclosure.

Leopard geckos are also crepuscular, which means that they are most active at dawn and dusk. They will often spend the day hiding in their hide box and will come out at night to eat and explore.

Leopard geckos are interesting and rewarding pets. They are relatively easy to care for and they can make great companions for people of all ages.



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