

CARE SHEET

Viper Gecko



OVERVIEW



- · Scientific Name: Teratolepis fasciata
- Origin: Pakistan
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- · Potential Adult Size: 3-4 inches
- Life Span: 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- · Handling: Only if necessary
- Humidity: 40-50%







TOP TIPS

- ✓ To keep your Viper Gecko stimulated, vary their food
- Due to their small size and speed, handling is not advised unless necessary

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- · Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- · Substrate: HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding
- · Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

HOUSING



HabiStat Vivarium 36 x 18 x 18" (DVF36)

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Heating

The HabiStat Leopard Gecko Accessory Kit (HSLGAK) provides all the light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit.

The Viper Gecko (Teratolepis fasciata) is a nocturnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB75) and the HabiStat Heater Guard (HHG24) protecting the bulb, all running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

- Background Temp: 24°C 28°C (75-82°F)
- HOT Spot: 32°C 35°C (90°F 95°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 20°C 21°C (68-70°F)

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) on the inside roof of the Vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding (HSLGB10
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500), HabiStat
 Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), HabiStat
 Grapevine (HSGVS) and the HabiStat Log
 Hideout (HSNLHM) will offer shelter and
 enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

DIET & WATER



Ensure the Viper Gecko is offered a variety of insects.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSC).

SUPPLEMENTATION



Viper Geckos need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Follow the on-pack instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- To maintain and regulate the species humidity requirements, use a humid hide such as a HabiStat Log Hideout with damp moss.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Viper Gecko healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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