

# **Panther Gecko**





## **OVERVIEW**



- · Scientific Name: Paroedura pictus
- Origin: Madagascar
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- · Potential Adult Size: 4-6 inches
- Life Span: 6 to 10 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- · Diet: Insects
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 60% to 70% (often 100% overnight)







### **TOP TIPS**

- A terrestrial Glass Terrarium is best suited for this species
- √ Vary the food offered to keep your Panther Gecko stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier
- ✓ A moist hide should be provided

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**



- · Housing: Terrestrial Glass Terrarium
- · Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- · Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, Arcadia EarthMix
- · Water: Water bowl, Daily Light Misting

## **HOUSING**



We recommend using a HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45 (HGT6045)

## **ENVIRONMENT**



#### **Terrestrial Terrarium Setup**



#### **Heating**

Panther Gecko's are a crepuscular species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the Glass Terrarium to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 20°C-25°C (68°F-77°F)
- HOT Spot: 29°C (84°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C°C (64°F)

Use an Arcadia Graphite Ceramic Reflector Clamp Lamp (RARMG160) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running through a High Range HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDWHR).

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 Panther Gecko.

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat on the outside rear of the Glass Terrarium, running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) if overnight temperatures are dropping below the recommended temperatures.

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

#### Lighting

Use an Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP85) laying on-top of the Glass Terrarium mesh.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances.

#### **Substrates and Decoration**

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your Glass Terrarium, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Panther Geckos can be housed on HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10).
- Wood/branches for climbing, hiding, and sleeping on.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Panther Gecko to sleep and hide under.
- A suitably sized water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the Glass Terrarium.
- A moist hide is essential.

### **DIET & WATER**



Hatchlings through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects. As a rule, the distance between the Geckos eyes will give you the approximate width of live food to feed your lizard. Ensure there is always a water bowl (HWM) with fresh water available in the cooler end of the Glass Terrarium.

### **SUPPLEMENTATION**



Panther 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). Please follow the packaging instructions.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



Provide plenty of live plants in your Glass Terrarium, as Panther Geckos enjoy being amongst the plants and leaf litter during the day.

## **HEALTH & HYGIENE**



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Panther 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 any live-food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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