

Balkan Green Lizard





OVERVIEW



- · Scientific Name: Lacerta trilineata major
- · Origin: Eastern Europe
- · Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: Upwards of 40 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 10 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 40% to 60%







TOP TIPS

- **HOUSING**

Provide a suitable basking spot

- ✓ A large enclosure is best suited for a species that can reach upwards of 40-inches in total length
- √ Vary the food items you offer your Balkan Green Lizard to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning

We recommend a Vivarium such as the HabiStat Standard Vivarium 48x24x24 (DVF4824) or the larger (DVF6024) for your Balkan Green Lizard.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Orchid Bark, Arcadia Earth Mix
- · Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

Balkan Green Lizards are diurnal reptiles and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 25-30°C (77-86°F)
- Basking Spot: 35°C (95°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 20°C (68°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) and a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) 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 Lizard. Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

In captivity, use the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 12% (RARTP39R) on the inside roof of the vivarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure. Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances.

Additional lighting via the Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP3) will add more visible light to aid your animal in its enclosure, regardless of species, but also aid stimulating real plant/foliage growth within the enclosure.

Substrate and Decoration

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

- Habistat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia Earth Mix (RARE10), HabiStat Orchid Bark (HSO10F)
- The Habistat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), Habistat Grapevine (HSGV), HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1) will offer enrichment within the enclosure.
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the animal to hide away if it chooses.
- The use of HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) in the HabiStat Forest Hideout (HSNFHEL) will provide an essential humid retreat for the species.
- Water bowl a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure.

DIET & WATER



The Balkan Green Lizard is an insectivore species.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The Habistat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSC) will provide a safe and sturdy option for this necessity.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION



Balkan Green Lizards 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



- The Balkan Green Lizard likes a humid environment of 40-60%, spray the enclosure regularly.
- Keep an eye on your Hygrometer to track the enclosures humidity.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Balkan Green Lizard 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 remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full substrate change	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 or feeding your Balkan Green Lizard, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

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