

DETAILED RULES LIST:

1. Behavior

- i. Interactions with other members should always be FRIENDLY and words should always be KIND. We have a zero tolerance policy on hostility or any behavior that is particularly negative, remain respectful at all times.
- ii. Please keep profanity to a minimum, we are a family-friendly group!
- iii. Inappropriate “reactions” are grounds for removal, such as “laugh reacting” at a serious question.
- iv. Sending private messages to other members without their permission, especially if you are trying to offer advice, will not be tolerated.

2. Giving Advice

- i. When offering advice to other members, please make recommendations using information and suggestions that are based in science and herpetology, we do not allow the spread of outdated information or myths (such as “they need belly heat”. That is not how ecto-therms work).
- ii. Suggestions that are outright dangerous will be removed.

3. Recommending to Others

- i. When recommending other groups, please only suggest those whose values align with our own—offering care based in herpetology. We do not allow recommendations for other leopard gecko-specific groups.

4. Sales / Rehoming / Self-Promotion / Prices

- i. Sales of any kind will not be tolerated, such as the sale of any live animal (including insects/feeders) or the sale of items (tanks, decor, etc.)
- ii. Rehoming live animals, with or without a fee, will not be allowed in the group. Facebook often claims posts like these are sales-posts regardless of what their policy says on rehoming pets.
- iii. No self-promotion; this includes YouTube channels, GoFundMe’s, Etsy/Pinterest Profiles, Breeder Pages, etc. We do allow some exceptions but they must be pre-approved by a member of the Admin Team.
- iv. No prices of any kind will be allowed in the group. Posts and comments cannot contain monetary units (\$, £, €, etc.) and photos or screenshots showing prices must have them cropped or blacked out.

5. Posting

- i. No “What is the morph?” posts. Leo morphs are strictly based on genetics, without knowing parentage the leopard gecko is “pet quality” and the morph/ancestry can never be known.
- ii. Please specify your location (UK, USA, CA, etc) when making posts, especially if you’re looking for recommendations!
- iii. Posts that are unrelated or irrelevant to leopard geckos will be declined.
- iv. No photos of leopard geckos with other animals, especially cats and other reptiles. This is potentially a very serious or even fatal situation waiting to happen.

- v. We do not allow serious medical posts, but basic common issues such as stuck shed are allowed; severe issues cannot be helped through the internet. First and foremost see a vet! Then feel free to PM an Admin/Mod, check out our Health Issues file, and/or check out the group Reptile Rehabilitation & Emergency Care.

6. Commenting

- i. Please provide sufficient evidence to back up claims in a debate. “Reptile Magazine” or “long time keepers” are not reputable sources.
- ii. Particularly on posts asking specific questions, please read the other comments before chiming in. Please do not repeat advice that has already been given.
- iii. Discussions or healthy debates with admins should never become true arguments—arguing with admins (particularly about serious topics) will not be tolerated.
- iv. GIFs will only be allowed if they're appropriate on the post and/or comments.

7. Cohabitation

- i. Males and females should NEVER be housed together, the male is likely to breed the female to death and risk of fighting is high. Males should not be cohobbed either, as they will be very territorial of one another. Cohabitation of FEMALES ONLY requires strict conditions to make it as safe as possible, and even then there's no guarantees. We do NOT support it but we do allow it.

8. Breeding

- i. We do not allow questions on breeding or incubation, breeding is a tricky process that should only be attempted if you are extremely confident in what you're doing. Local reputable breeders and online breeding-specific groups/forums are great resources.

9. Deleting

- i. Please do not delete your posts or comments. Every question is a learning experience for others, and our Admin Team needs to be able to see how members are behaving to keep our group a positive and friendly environment.

10. Bashing / Call-Outs

- i. We try to keep the group as drama-free as possible. We have a zero tolerance policy on bashing or calling out specific pet stores, specific groups, and especially no bashing of other members!
- ii. No politics. Period. Discussion of politics or anything related to politics will not be allowed in our group, as well as in private with other members or our Admin Team. We are here strictly for leopard gecko husbandry, not political opinions.