



# Leopard Gecko



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Eublepharis macularius*
- Origin: Middle East
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 7 to 9.5 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 15 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Insects
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 20% to 40%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ A Vivarium is best suited for adult Leopard Geckos.
- ✓ Vary your Leopard Gecko's food to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning
- ✓ Provide a moist hide in their enclosure

## HOUSING

Hatchling/Juvenile - HabiStat Leopard Gecko Starter Kit (HSLGSK)

Adult - HabiStat Standard Vivarium  
36x24x24" (DVF3624)

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

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

## RUNNING COSTS



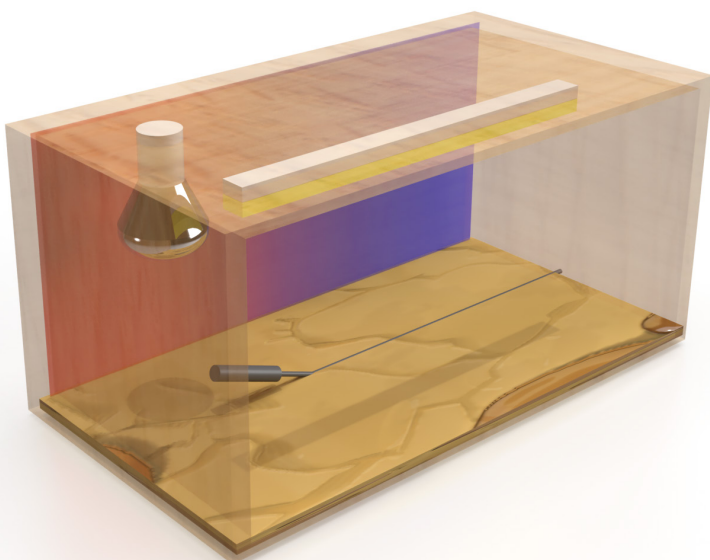
- Average Cost: 19p Per Day
- Average kW per day: 0.674

Calculations are based on using the recommended timings, heating, and lighting provided throughout the care sheet, and the Electricity unit rate of 28p per kWh.

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: 30-32°C (86-90°F)
- Background Temp: 20°C-24°C (68°F-75°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-23°C (68°F-74°F)
- Humidity: 20%-40%
- UVI: 1-2

### Heating

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

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

Use the Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (**RADCHP**) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (**HBB100**) running through the 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 Leopard Gecko. Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

## Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 ShadeDweller UVB Kit, 7% (RARTP8S) to the inside roof of the vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances, providing a UVI of 1-2.

## Substrates and Decoration

- Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:
- HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding (**HSLGB10**)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (**HDB1**), HabiStat Grapevine (**HSGV**) and HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (**HSNTB**) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter
- The use of the HabiStat Moss Hide (**HSNMH**) filled with HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (**HSMS250**) in the middle of the enclosure is essential for the species.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure a Leopard Gecko has a varied diet, with a mixture of insects.

Young/Juvenile - several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – 3rd (LSC200)
- Locust – 1st Hopper (LSHA20)
- Calci Worms – (LCW40)

Adult - several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – Large (LSL35)
- Locust – 3rd Hopper (LMHC14)
- Dubia Roaches – Medium (LDLM12)

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

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

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Leopard 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.

## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Leopard 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 remove any dirty bedding	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 or feeding your Leopard Gecko, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

## HANDLING & CARE



While this species is generally placid and will tolerate gentle handling, this can at times be very stressful for the animal, so any handling should only be done in short periods.

Things to look out for that will need a veterinary assistance:

- Skin shedding problems (retained shed)
- Eyes discolouration or not opening
- Going off food

Should your animal display any signs of distress, changes in regular behaviour, or anything visually different, please seek help from your Reptile Veterinarian.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



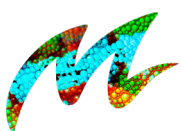
This species that will benefit from a moist/humid hide in the middle of the enclosure.



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# DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp 30-32°C (86-90°F)	Background Temp 20°C-24°C (68°F-75°F)	Humidity 20%-40%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 18°C-23°C (68°F-74°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
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