

Long-Tailed Lizard



OVERVIEW



- Ease of Care: Novice
- Size: On average 8 to 12 inches (20-30cms)
- Life Span: Upwards of 5 years in captivity
- Diet: Insectivore
- Humidity: 70% average during the day – up to 100% overnight
- Temperament: Friendly
- Background Temp: 24°C (75°F)
- HOT Spot: 29-32°C (84-90°F)

TOP TIPS

- ✓ A humidifier will aid hydration at night when all heat and light is turned off and the Long-Tailed Lizard is sleeping.
- ✓ Do not directly spray your Long-Tailed Lizard when misting the enclosure, even when shedding.
- ✓ Ensure set up contains branches, vines, and plants for this arboreal species to climb and traverse
- ✓ Make sure they are not able to get close to the heat and UVB source. Keep plants and foliage at a safe distance and use protective cages around the heat bulb and UV.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Basking Spot/Flood (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10) or Habistat Jungle Bio (HSJB10)
- Water: Humidifier / Hand sprayer / Water container

HOUSING



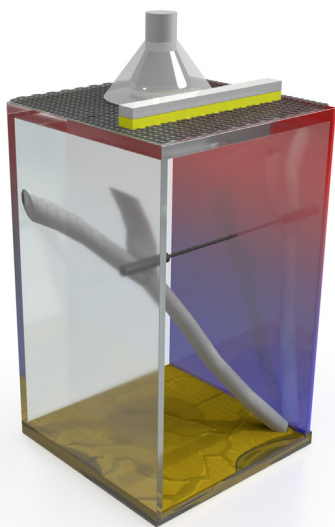
The following would be suitable as forever homes for Long-Tailed Lizards of all ages:

- Habistat Glass Terrarium 30x30x45cm (HGT3045)
- Habistat Glass Terrarium 45x45x60cm (HGT4560)

ENVIRONMENT



Arboreal Terrarium Setup



Heating

As Long-Tailed Lizards are ectothermic all their heating requirements must come from an external source

Heating a Terrarium

A nice bright white incandescent light/heat bulb will help replicate the sun in a Terrarium setup, controlled with a Habistat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

The bulb would need to be placed on the mesh of the Terrarium/mesh using a Reflector light dome with ceramic holder such as the Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp (RARM160).

The heat bulb should always be using in conjunction with a dimming thermostat.

A thermostat is designed to regulate the temperatures within the setup by placing the thermostat probe in a suitable location. The power to the bulb will reduce (dim) once the set temperature is achieved within the setup to prevent the overheating.

The bulb will then return to full power once the temperature has stabilised and it's safe to do so.

To safely regulate the temperatures, it is recommended the thermostat probe is placed as close to the main basking area as possible, where the Long-Tailed Lizard can't lay on or touch it (this would affect the readings)

Temperature and Monitoring

As a guide, a cool-end (bottom) temperature of 24°C (75°F) gives the Long-Tailed Lizard a safe cool area to retreat if needed.

The daytime Basking-zone/Hot-spot (top) should be around 32°C (89°F).

Night-time temperatures should be 20-22°C (68-71.6°F) throughout, with all light and heat being turned off.

Makes sure temperatures are checked regularly to ensure there are no extreme fluctuations.

Using a digital probed thermometer in the basking and cool end with help monitor these temperatures. Again, where the Long-Tailed Lizard is not able to lay on the probe, thus, affecting the readings.

For humidity, 70% throughout the day can be achieved by regular spraying on the enclosure. In conjunction with the use of real plants, branches, and a soil-based substrate.

The 100%-night humidity overnight can be achieved via the use of the HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) running after the lights have been off for at least an hour.

Using a hygrometer will aid your ability to monitor the enclosure humidity.

Lighting

UV Lighting is required for the wellbeing of the Long-Tailed Lizard. Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) placed on the mesh top of the Terrarium would be a great option.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how to decorate the surface of your Terrarium/vivarium. The following is just a guide:

HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10) or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10) are great with aiding humidity.

Branches, vines, and plants are a must for this arboreal species

DIET & WATER

Long-Tailed Lizards are insectivores. We recommend a varied insect diet such as Crickets (HOUSECR), Locust (LCST), Mealworms (LMM40), Morioworms (LGM40), and Calci-worms (LCW40).

For hydration, regular spraying of the enclosure 1 or 2 times daily (or as needed) will give the Long-Tailed Lizard a chance to take in water from the surrounding foliage.

Recent research has discovered that many species hydrate by breathing in the humid and foggy air conditions while sleeping overnight in their natural environment.

This can be replicated in captivity overnight via the use of the HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) to reach the recommended 100% humidity peak at some point during the night.

Using a hygrometer will aid keeping the humidity in check.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Long-Tailed Lizards do require additional supplementation within their diet to aid overall health.

We recommend using a Calcium, magnesium, and multivitamin mix regime as needed.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Long-Tailed Lizard healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Refresh water container Daily Spraying	Spot clean	Check branches and plants for breakage and stability
Weekly	Disinfect water dripper	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up	Wipe down glass/mesh/walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full or partial 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 Long-Tailed Lizard, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



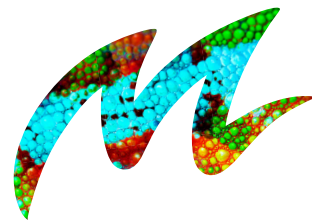
- Long-Tailed Lizards will shed their skin, and this is based on age.
- Younger Long-Tailed Lizards under 6 months will shed almost weekly. This will become less frequent as they age, with adults shedding only a few times a year.
- They can be more temperamental during this process, often going off food or become more defensive.

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