

# Crested Gecko

<u>Average Adult Size</u>	4 - 4.5 inches
<u>Average Life Span with proper care</u>	Females- 15 Years;  Males- 20 Years;
<u>Diet</u>	Omnivore

## Enclosure

### Substrate

The Iso Psycho's Special Blend of Bioactive Substrate, Orchid (fir) Bark, Cypress Mulch, Coco Bedding, or a Combination

A natural soil substrate that retains water but drains well.

*When set up properly with plants and a small invertebrate cleaning crew, naturalistic enclosures are self-maintaining, with only spot-cleaning or scrubbing of furnishings needed a few times a year, and regular glass cleaning with vinegar & water to maintain good visibility of your tank.*

### Habitat for Enclosure

Mild Tropical

*Dry hide house, create an environment with several heat gradients - warm on one end and cool on the other, colorful flowers, and lots of climbing opportunities*

### Temperature and Humidity Control used in Enclosure

78 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. It can drop to the low 70s at night.

*The heat source is on for 12 hours per day and off over night. Use a thermostat to keep those temperatures safe. the use of branches, vines, and plants providing shade, with the closest branches of the canopy in the setup around 10" from the top.*

Lighting for 12 hours and a Humidity level of 60-80%

*Provide a varied amount of height and exposure to the UVB. This provides a UV-Index reading of around 2. The Crestie will move where it feels safe, secure, and importantly, where it wants to go. Aim for between 60/80% humidity. This will naturally rise when*

*sprayed, and often spike to 100%. But as long as you have good air-flow, all is perfectly fine. Humidity is only ever an issue with bad air-flow.*

## Diet

### Live

Roaches, crickets, mealworms and waxworms

*No bigger than the gap between the eyes. This rule is in regards to WIDTH of food NOT length. Reason being, it's roughly the width of the said reptile's throat. So it's a good way to prevent unnecessary potential choking hazards. Live feed can be given 1-2 times a week. If you can't offer it that much, at least offer it once every other week.*

### Commercial

General diet of commercial feed is suggested for animal

*Cresties can live solely on premix powder foods and live long happy lives. With these it's simply a case of adding water to the powder, and stirring until it forms a slightly watery ketchup-like consistency. We suggest Repachy and Pangea. Leave the mix in their enclosure for 3-4 days. After such, if there is still some left, remove it and give it 2-3 days before feeding it again.*

### Water

Water should always be offered, and be constantly available in the enclosure

*In addition to making water available 24/7, I also spray down my enclosures daily. Now the amount of times this is needed daily will vary depending on the enclosure's size, décor, and the substrate used within. Spraying also helps with humidity. You want to spray enough water to maintain a 60 – 70% level at the least. That may mean to spray up to 2-3 times a day, however that's dependent on the size of enclosure you're keeping them in.*

### Supplements/Exercise

Basic supplements that can encourage a healthy diet that they lack due to a domesticated diet

*Calcium and vitamin D3 are the most important in crested gecko's diet. Vitamin D3 is needed to absorb calcium. But don't oversupplement – it will cause toxicity. Check their commercial food for these vitamins before supplementing.*

Basic exercise can come from climbing around the enclosure

*Crested geckos love to climb. Be sure to have a lot of available climbing space for them. From branches, to feeding ledges- they love height! That'll give them all the opportunity in the world to exercise.*

# Temperament

## Docile

*Crested geckos usually have fairly docile temperaments, though they can be a bit skittish and care is required when handling; they may try to jump away from you and be injured. However they are most of the time far more scared of you than you are of them!*