

## Palm Gecko

The palm gecko is closely related to the tokay gecko but is generally less aggressive. They are native to Indonesia and are nocturnal lizards. Generally they are dark brown, pale tan or sometimes greenish in colour. The most attractive features are their eyes and the white line that runs the length of the body, parting at the neck and then ending at each side of their head. Their life span is between 6-10 years. These geckos are best housed alone or in a pair as larger groups can show aggression to each other during breeding season. Males must be separated. Other names include the skunk gecko, white striped gecko or white lined gecko.



## Glossary

- Reptile** – A cold-blooded vertebrate with scaly skin.
- Amphibian** – A cold-blooded vertebrate that begins life as an aquatic animal and grows into a terrestrial adult with lungs.
- Terrestrial** – A ground dwelling animal.
- Arboreal** – An animal that lives in trees.
- Diurnal** – Awake in the day.
- Nocturnal** – Awake during the night.
- UVB** – Ultraviolet radiation.
- Colubrid** – A family of snakes.
- Hybrid** – Offspring from animals of different species.
- Morph** – Colourations created due to genetics.
- Musk** – Unpleasant odour released when an animal is stressed or feels threatened.

### Live plants are only available on special order

If you require any further information, please ask our pet care advisors who will be very happy to help.

#### Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm  
Sunday: 9.30am – 4pm

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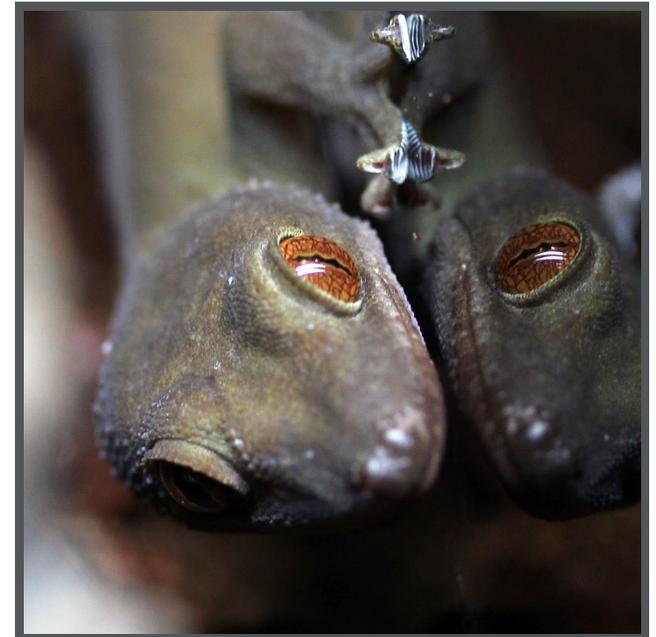
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## Care & Advice Sheet

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## Size & Housing

Adult palm geckos grow to 8–10 inches. They are arboreal lizards and benefit from tall enclosures made out of glass. Specially designed front opening reptile tanks are recommended such as the Exo Terra or Komodo:

45 x 45 x 60cm / 18 x 18 x 24" – Minimum for 1 Adult

60 x 45 x 60cm / 24 x 18 x 24" – Minimum for 2–3 Adults



## Substrate & Furnishings

Newspaper and kitchen towel can be used as they are easy to replace. For a more natural enclosure and to aid humidity, options include humus bricks, coco fibre, rainforest bark or cypress mulch. Plenty of branches, cork bark, rocks and live or artificial plants should be provided to create climbing and hiding places. Spot pick the enclosure daily and full clean once or twice a month using a reptile specific disinfectant.

**Please note that not all live plants are reptile friendly.**

## Lighting & Temperature

Provide essential UVB (10 or 12%) to create a daytime cycle of 10–12 hours a day. This is best controlled by a timer. They are most comfortable with a temperature around 30°C – achieve this by using a heat bulb with a guard, controlled by a thermostat at all times. Night time temperatures can drop a few degrees but if it drops dramatically, use a moonlight bulb to heat the terrarium at night with minimal light.

## Food & Water

These geckos eat mainly live food such as:

- Crickets
- Locusts
- Mealworms
- Roaches
- Waxworms (treat)



Insects should be gut loaded before feeding. Dust the insects with a calcium supplement 3 times a week and once a week with a multivitamin (Nutrobal). They can be treated to non-citrus pureed fruit such as peach and banana. Fresh water should be offered daily. The enclosure should be misted 1–3 times a day to keep the humidity between 65–75%.

## Handling

These geckos are very fast and skittish. Minimal handling is recommended but they should calm down with being handled little and often. If they feel stressed or threatened, they may drop their tail. It will grow back but will not look identical to the original.