



# Chinese Cave Gecko



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Goniurosaurus hainanensis*
- Origin: China
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 6 to 8 inches
- Life Span: 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 60%-80%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a humid hide as a natural way to aid the shedding process
- ✓ To keep your Gecko stimulated, vary their food
- ✓ Use a substrate that helps to maintain humidity

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

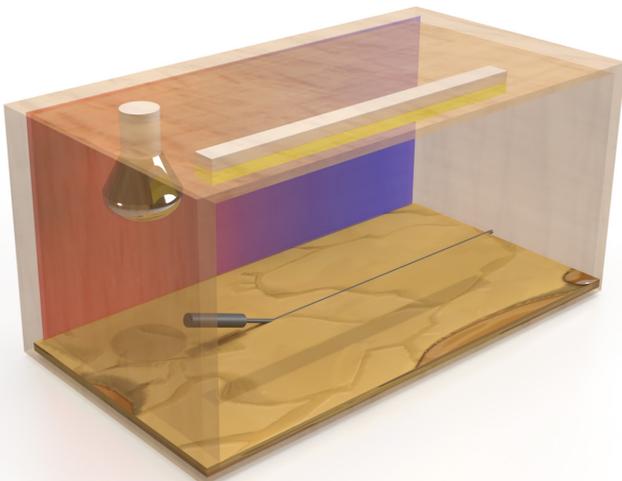
- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water Bowl

## HOUSING

HabiStat Standard Vivarium 36 x 24 x 24" (HV3624)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

Background Temp: 20°C-23°C (68°F-73.4°F)

Hot Spot: 26°C (79°F)

Night-Time Temp: 15°C-20°C (59°F-68°F)

Humidity:

UVI:

### Heating

The Chinese Cave Gecko (*Goniurosaurus hainanensis*) is a nocturnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB75) and the HabiStat Heater Guard (HHG24) protecting the bulb, all running in conjunction with a 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 animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

## Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) 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.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure the Chinese Cave Gecko is offered a variety of insects.

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

- Crickets – 3rd
- Locust – Small Hopper
- Calci Worms

Adult – Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – Large
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium

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

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

## Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- Habistat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- Habistat Log Hideout (HSNLHL) filled with Habistat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250)
- Habistat Cork Branch (HDB500), Habistat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), Habistat Grapevine (HSGV) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as Habistat Pure Calcium (HMC40), Habistat Reptavite (HMRV40), Habistat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The species can be a little skittish when young, but usually docile and easier to handle once older.
- A humid hide is essential for this species to aid with the shedding process. The Habistat Log Hideout (HSNLHL) filled with Habistat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) would be ideal

# HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Chinese Cave 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 Chinese Cave Gecko, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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# DATA MONITORING



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

	Hotspot Temp 26°C (79°F)	Background Temp 20°C-23°C (68°F-73°F)	Humidity 60%-80%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 20°C-23°C (68°F-73°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						