

Short-Fingered Gecko



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Stenodactylus* spp.
- Origin: Africa
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult size: Up to 4 inches
- Life Span: Up to 7 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Advanced (easily stressed so shouldn't be handled unless necessary)

TOP TIPS



- ✓ Vary the food items you offer to your animal to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier

HOUSING



- The HabiStat Leopard Gecko Starter Kit (HSLGSK)
- HabiStat Tall Terrainium (HT24T)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium/Terrainium
- Heating: Heat Bulb/Heat-Mat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding, HabiStat Desert Sand, HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 22°C (72°F) to 25°C (77°F).
- Hot Spot: 30°C (86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C (64°F) to 21°C (69°F)
- Humidity: 50%
- UVI: 1-2

Heating

This Gecko is a crepuscular species and requires a suitable light and heat gradient within the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period. Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure by slotting an HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) into the dedicated heat mat area on the underside of the HabiStat Terrainium between the two glass panels.

This heat mat should be used in conjunction with a Habistat Mat Stat (HTMW1). Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia UVB Mini T5 Kit 7% (RADBR8S) or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit 7% (RARLZ8S) to the inside roof of the Terrainium. Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances, providing a UVI of 1-2.

DIET & WATER

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

Young/Juvenile - several appropriately sized feeders 3 or 4 times per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – 1st
- Locust – 1st Hopper
- Calci Worm

Adult - several appropriately sized feeders once or twice per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – Standard
- Locust – Small Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium

Always provide a source of fresh water. The Habistat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSC) will provide a safe and sturdy option. To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

Substrate and Decoration

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

- Habistat Leopard Gecko Bedding (HSLGB5), Habistat Bearded Dragon Bedding (HSBDB5), Habistat Desert Sand (HDSAND)
- Wood/branches & rocks for climbing, hiding, and sleeping on such as the Habistat Grapevine (HSGVS), Habistat Cork Branch (HDB500), and the Habistat Hideout (HSNLHM) would also provide shade and shelter.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal
- Water bowl – a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure

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

- This species of gecko needs a steady high humidity range, so a good substrate, misting, and a Habistat moss hide (HSNMH) filled with moss would be ideal.
- This species can live in small groups of 3 or 4, or on their own.

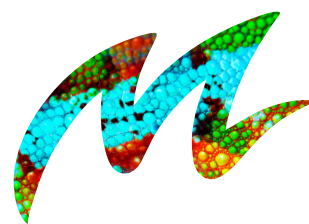
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Short-Fingered 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 to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	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 the animal, any live-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 30 C (86 F)	Background Temp 22°C -25°C (72°F-77°F),	Humidity 50%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 18°C -21°C (64°F-69°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						