



Berber Skink Care Sheet

Species Name:

Eumeces schneideri

Adult Size:

30cm

Lifespan:

10-15 years

Breeding Age:

2-3 years



Berber skinks, *Eumeces schneideri*, are striking reptiles native to North Africa, particularly Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. With sleek, elongated bodies, they showcase vibrant hues of brown, tan, and black, often adorned with intricate patterns. Growing up to 12 inches in length, these diurnal creatures are primarily terrestrial, dwelling in arid environments like rocky deserts and scrublands. Their diet includes insects and small vertebrates. Berber skinks are solitary by nature, only coming together for mating.

Housing:

Enclosure: A wooden 3-4ft vivarium is ideal for the Berber Skink. The Maxi sizes provide extra depth for a deep layer of substrate, as keen burrowers your Berber Skink will appreciate this.

Substrate: Use a dry sand/soil mix and provide a deep layer for your skink to burrow into.

Temperature:

Maintain a basking spot temperature of 35-40°C.

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 26-27°C.

Use a heat source like a basking light and a heat mat for heating.

Night time temperatures can drop to 21-24°C.

Lighting:

Provide a UVB light source (10-12%) for at least 10-12 hours a day to support calcium metabolism and overall health.

Diet:

Feeding: Offer a varied diet of insects.

Supplements: Dust insects with calcium and vitamin supplements 2-3 times a week.



Humidity and Hydration:

A humidity of 30-40% should be maintained.

Provide a shallow dish for drinking water. Mist the enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity levels and aid in shedding.

Enrichment and Handling:

Place hiding spots, rocks, and branches for climbing to create a stimulating environment.

Provide a secure hide for them to retreat and feel safe.

Handle your Berber Skink gently and regularly to foster trust, but be mindful of their stress levels.

Health Considerations:

Regularly monitor for signs of illness, such as lethargy, changes in appetite, or difficulty shedding.

Quarantine new reptiles before introducing them to existing enclosures.

Remember that the care requirements for Berber Skinks may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your reptile's behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.