



## Club Tailed Iguana Care Sheet

**Species Name:**

*Ctenosaura quinquecarinata*

**Adult Size:**

25-35cm

**Lifespan:**

20-25 years

**Breeding Age:**

2 years



Club-tailed iguanas, belonging to the genus *Ctenosaura*, are charismatic reptiles found in the arid regions of Central America and northern South America. Named for their distinctive thick, club-like tails, these iguanas possess robust bodies and strong limbs, adapted for climbing and basking. Their coloration varies from gray to brown, providing camouflage in their rocky habitats. These omnivores feed on vegetation, fruits, and occasionally insects. With a social nature, they often congregate in groups, basking together on rocky outcrops. However, habitat loss and human encroachment threaten their populations, highlighting the importance of conservation efforts to safeguard these unique reptiles.

## **Housing:**

**Enclosure:** Provide a spacious enclosure, ideally a wooden 4ft enclosure.

**Substrate:** Dry substrates such as sand can be used to mimic their natural environment, always use reptile safe sand, ingestion of sand can cause impaction, most reptile sands are designed to be digestible in small amounts.

Alternatively, a soil sand mix can be used to retain moisture to simulate the humid mornings in central America.

## **Temperature:**

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

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 25-39°C.

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

Night time temperatures can drop to 23°C.

## **Lighting:**

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

## **Diet:**

**Feeding:** Offer a varied diet of insects (crickets, roaches, mealworms).

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



### **Humidity and Hydration:**

A humidity of 30-50% should be maintained.

Provide a dish for drinking and bathing. Mist enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity.

### **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 and interact with your Iguana 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 Club Tailed Iguanas 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.