



Pink Tongue Skink Care Sheet

Species Name:

Cyclodomorphus gerrardii

Adult Size:

45cm

Lifespan:

15-20 years

Breeding Age:

2 years



Pink tongue skinks, native to Australia and New Guinea, are charismatic reptiles prized for their vibrant pink tongues. With slender bodies and distinctive scales, they navigate leaf litter and forest floors with agility. Renowned for their gentle demeanour, they often thrive in captivity with proper care. Enthusiasts appreciate their curious nature and amiable disposition, making them popular pets in the reptile community. Despite their docile temperament, they exhibit natural behaviours like basking and burrowing, adding to their allure as fascinating and rewarding companions for reptile enthusiasts worldwide.

Housing:

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

Substrate: Using a substrate mix that allows the skink to burrow is important. A mix of coir and orchid bark is ideal and mimics their natural environment.

Temperature:

Maintain a basking spot temperature of 33-35°C.

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 27-30°C.

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

Night time temperatures can drop to 15-23°C.

Lighting:

Provide a UVB light source (6-12%) for at least 10-12 hours a day to support calcium metabolism and overall health.

Diet:

Feeding: Offer a varied diet of insects. (Locusts, crickets, snails, and worms)

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



Humidity and Hydration:

A humidity of 60-70% 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 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 Pink Tongue 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.