



Yemen Chameleon Care Sheet

Species name:

Chamaeleo calyptratus

Adult size:

15-24 inches

Lifespan:

4-8 Years

Breeding age:

1 Year Old



The Yemen Chameleon, also known as the Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*), is native to the Arabian Peninsula, specifically Yemen and Saudi Arabia. They inhabit a range of environments, including mountainous regions, coastal plains, and even urban areas. In the wild, these chameleons are arboreal, spending much of their time in trees and shrubs.

Enclosure:

Size: A vertically oriented enclosure is crucial for Yemen Chameleons. For a single adult, a cage that is at least 24"x24"x48" is recommended.

Substrate: Use a substrate that retains humidity, such as coconut coir or cypress mulch.

Climbing Opportunities: Provide branches and plants for climbing and basking. Live plants can contribute to humidity and provide a more natural environment.

Lighting:

Chameleons need UVB lighting to metabolize calcium and maintain proper bone health. Use a high-quality UVB bulb of around 6-7% and replace it every 6-12 months.

Heating:

Maintain a basking spot temperature of around 29-32°C during the day, with a cooler area around 24-27°C.

Allow the temperature to drop to around 21-24°C at night.

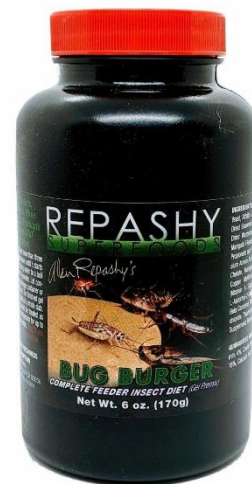
Humidity:

Keep humidity levels around 70-80%. Regular misting 2-3 times a day with a water spray bottle or mister is essential. A hygrometer should be used to monitor humidity levels.

Feeding:

Diet: Yemen Chameleons primarily eat insects. Offer a variety, including crickets, roaches, and mealworms. Gut-load insects with nutritious foods before feeding.

Supplements: Dust insects with calcium and vitamin supplements at least twice a week to ensure proper nutrition.



Hydration:

Chameleons may not drink from a bowl; therefore, misting the enclosure allows them to drink water droplets.

Handling:

While Yemen Chameleons may tolerate handling, minimize it to reduce stress. Always approach slowly and support their body to avoid injury.

Health Care:

Health Checks: Regularly observe your crested gecko to see if you notice any changes in behaviour, appetite, or appearance. If something does not seem right seek professional advice promptly.

Hygiene: Keep the enclosure clean, removing waste and uneaten food promptly.

Cohabitation: It is not recommended to keep Yemen Chameleons together however a male and female may be kept together when trying to breed.

By providing a suitable environment that mimics their natural habitat, along with proper nutrition and care, you can ensure the well-being of your Yemen Chameleon in captivity. Regular observation and adjustments to their care routine will contribute to their long-term health and happiness.