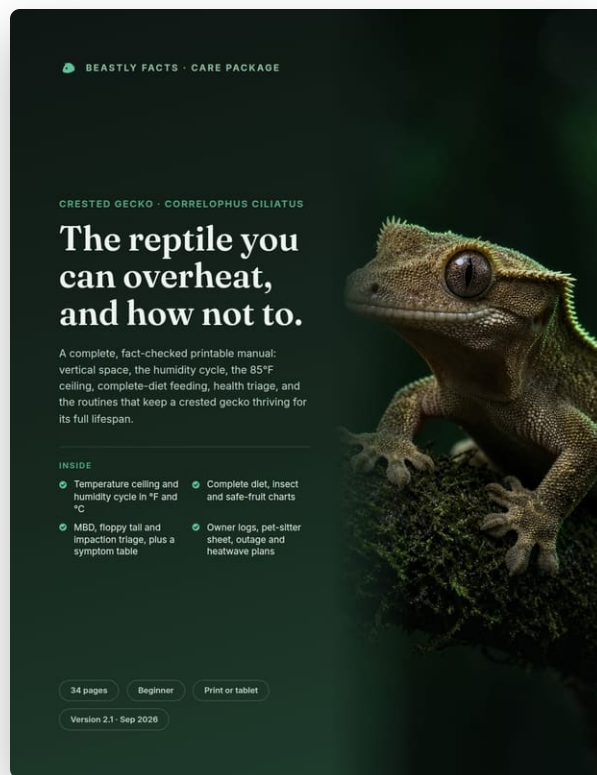


FREE SAMPLE

Crested Gecko Care Package

The first 4 pages of the 34-page printable manual, free to keep.



In this sample: What's inside, How to Use This Package, Quick Profile & Cost Overview. The contents page shows every one of the 34 pages, so you can see exactly what the full package covers before you buy it.

Not in this sample: the 30 pages that follow, which are the full care guide, the health section, the quick reference cards, and the owner tools, checklists and logs.

The full package is \$8.99 at beastlyfacts.com/care-packages/crested-gecko/. One purchase, and every corrected edition is a free re-download from your library. The free crested gecko care guide it was built from is at beastlyfacts.com/guides/crested-gecko/, and stays free.

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How to use this package

Three ways to get value from it, depending on where you are right now.

If you haven't set up yet

Read pages 4 through 12 in order before buying anything. Two decisions on page 5 and page 6 shape everything else: how tall the enclosure is, and how you will keep the room under 85°F (29°C) in the hottest week of the year. Then use the Budget & Shopping List on page 24 to buy once.

If your crested gecko is already set up

Jump to the Setup Checklist and Targets on page 22 to audit what you have, and the Health Red Flags section starting on page 16 if anything seems off. Check the hygrometer and the top-of-enclosure temperature first: nearly every problem in Section 03 traces back to humidity, heat, or substrate.

Print these first

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| ☐ Page 22: Setup Checklist & Targets | ☐ Page 29: Pet-Sitter Sheet |
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WHY THIS PACKAGE EXISTS

Crested geckos are usually someone's first reptile, and most reptile advice is written around the opposite problem. Nearly every care sheet a new keeper reads is about providing enough heat. Here the danger runs the other way, and a summer afternoon in a sunny room is a bigger risk than a cool night. Cross-checked against veterinary and herpetological sources (listed on page 34), not recycled forum advice. Every temperature and dimension is given in both imperial and metric.

NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR

A reptile-experienced veterinarian. This is a husbandry reference for day-to-day care. Anything urgent or health-related is always a professional call, not a page in this book. Find one before you need one and write the number on page 23.

SECTION 01

Quick profile

Everything at a glance before you read the detail.

Scientific name	<i>Correlophus ciliatus</i>
Adult size	7 to 9 in (18 to 23 cm) including tail, 35 to 55 g. Sources give 5 to 8 in and 35 to 45 g
Captive lifespan	15 to 20 years typical, some past 20, with the earliest captives into their 30s
Native range	New Caledonia, South Pacific. Tropical rainforest canopy and understory
Diet type	Frugivorous omnivore. A complete diet powder is the base, insects are a supplement
Enclosure minimum (adult)	18×18×24 in (46×46×61 cm), height over floor space
Temperature ceiling	85°F (29°C). A hard maximum, not a target
Humidity	60 to 80%, falling to 40 to 50% during the day
Sexual maturity	15 to 18 months
Handling difficulty	Easy once settled, but the tail never grows back. See page 8
Conservation status	Vulnerable (IUCN)

Cost overview

Initial setup

\$335 to \$530 for equipment, plus \$65 to \$210 for the first vet exam and fecal test. The gecko itself is \$50 to \$200 for a normal morph.

Monthly ongoing

\$31 to \$52 for diet powder, insects, substrate, electricity and averaged vet care.

BUDGET FOR THE WORST CASE TOO

A first exam with a fecal test runs \$65 to \$210, and that is the routine number. Diagnostics, x-rays for a suspected impaction, or treatment for advanced metabolic bone disease all cost considerably more, and none are optional once needed. Treat a few hundred dollars set aside as part of the setup.

Fun facts worth knowing

- Thought extinct for most of a century, until a 1994 expedition found them again in New Caledonia during a tropical storm. Every crested gecko in the pet trade descends from that rediscovered population.
- They cannot regrow a dropped tail. Most wild adults are found tailless, and a tailless gecko, a "frogbutt" to keepers, lives an entirely normal life.
- They are one of the few reptiles whose complete nutrition comes out of a jar: a powdered diet mixed with water covers protein, fruit, calcium and D3 in one.