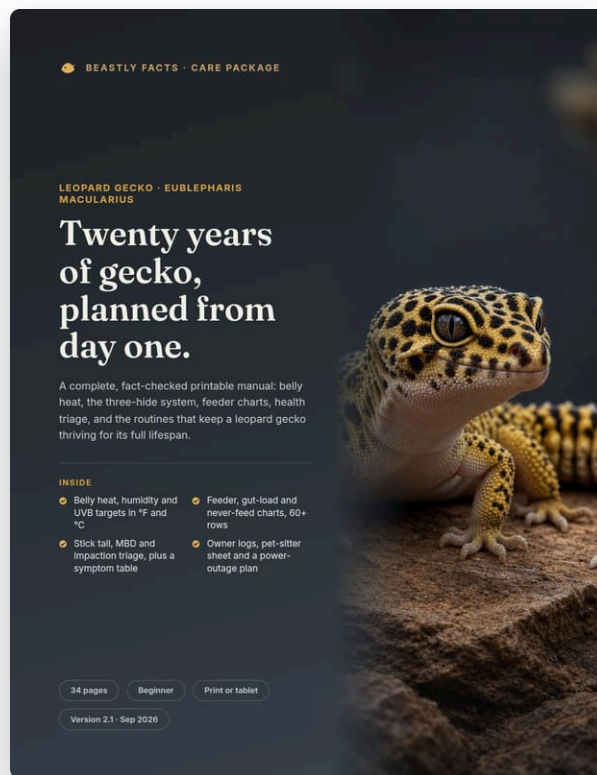


FREE SAMPLE

Leopard Gecko Care Package

The first 4 pages of the 35-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 35 pages, so you can see exactly what the full package covers before you buy it.

Not in this sample: the 31 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/leopard-gecko/. One purchase, and every corrected edition is a free re-download from your library. The free leopard gecko care guide it was built from is at beastlyfacts.com/guides/leopard-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. The enclosure size on page 5 and the three-hide layout on page 6 decide most of what ends up in the cart, and they are the two things that are expensive to get wrong twice. Then use the Budget & Shopping List on page 24 to buy once.

If your leopard 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 warm hide with an infrared thermometer before you change anything else; a warm side that reads too low explains more refused meals than any other single cause.

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

Leopard geckos are sold as the easy reptile, and the care sheet that comes taped to the box is usually a decade out of date: a 10 or 20 gallon tank, calcium sand, a single hide, a heat lamp instead of belly heat, and no mention of UVB at all. Every one of those is now either outdated or actively harmful. 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>Eublepharis macularius</i>
Adult size	6.5 to 11 in (17 to 28 cm), sources differ. Males 60 to 90 g, females from about 45 g
Captive lifespan	15 to 20 years typical, up to 25 to 30 recorded. Wild geckos manage 6 to 8
Native range	Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, India, Nepal. Rocky desert and dry scrub
Diet type	Obligate insectivore. Live insects only, no fruit or vegetables
Enclosure minimum (adult)	36×18×18 in (91×46×46 cm), floor space over height
Heat source	Under-tank heat mat on a thermostat, 88 to 92°F (31 to 33°C) at the hide floor
UVB requirement	Optional but genuinely beneficial. Low output, UVI 0.5 to 1.5 at the warm hide
Sexual maturity	9 to 18 months
Handling difficulty	Easy once settled, but never by the tail. See page 8
Conservation status	Least Concern (IUCN)

Cost overview

Initial setup

\$175 to \$495 for equipment, plus \$150 to \$215 for the first vet exam and fecal test. The gecko itself is \$20 to \$45 for a wild type, more for a morph.

Monthly ongoing

\$32 to \$91 for insects, supplements, substrate, electricity and averaged vet care. Most owners land between \$250 and \$700 a year all in.

BUDGET FOR THE WORST CASE TOO

An annual wellness exam runs \$85 to \$105. A sick or emergency visit runs \$100 to \$800 or more, and diagnostics or impaction surgery push it higher again. Treat a small emergency fund as part of the setup cost, not an optional extra.

Fun facts worth knowing

- Unlike most geckos, leopard geckos have true eyelids and can blink. They also lack the toe pads other geckos climb glass with.
- That fat tail is roughly a quarter of the gecko's body mass and a third of its length. It is a working fat reserve, which is why tail thickness is the best health check you can do at a glance.
- Over 100 color morphs exist in captivity, and pigment matters practically: pale morphs burn under UVB a normally pigmented gecko handles fine.