# **Blue-Eyed Crested Dragon Care Sheet**

#### Habitat:

**Dragon Castle:** Your Blue-Eyed Crested Dragon needs a cozy castle called a terrarium. Start with a 20-gallon tank.

**Branches and Hideouts:** Add branches and hiding spots for climbing and exploring. Dragons love a bit of adventure!

## Temperature:

**Sunlit Days:** Keep the terrarium around 72-80°F (22-27°C) during the day. Your dragon enjoys a warm sun!

**Cozy Nights:** At night, it's okay if it's a bit cooler, around 65-75°F (18-24°C). Like a comfy bedtime!

# Lighting:

**Sunshine Lamp:** Use a special bulb that gives your dragon pretend sunshine (UVB bulb). Change it every 6-12 months.

**Day and Night Cycle:** Make daytime last 12-14 hours with light and nighttime 10-12 hours of darkness. Dragons need their beauty sleep!

### Food:

**Fruit Smoothies:** Feed your dragon special crested gecko food or fruit puree. You can also give treats like crickets or mealworms sometimes.

**Dinner Schedule:** Serve dinner every other day. If your dragon doesn't finish, clean up the leftovers to keep the castle tidy.

**Tiny Water Fountain:** Always have a small water dish. It's like having a tiny water fountain in their castle!

# Handling:

**Gentle Touch:** When you hold your dragon, be gentle like you're holding a tiny treasure. Wash your hands first!

**Timeouts:** Dragons like their alone time too. Don't bother them too much, especially when they're shedding their skin.

## **Health Check:**

**Check-Up Time:** Look at your dragon often. If something seems off, ask a vet who knows about dragons.

**Shedding Skin:** Dragons shed their skin. Help them by making a little steam room with a wet hide box!

## Socialization:

**Alone Time:** Dragons usually like their own space. If you want more dragons, ask a grown-up for help.

# Cleaning:

Quick Clean-Up: Clean up any mess your dragon makes every day. It's like picking up toys!

**Big Clean Day:** Every 2-4 weeks, give the whole castle a good cleaning. New floor, clean toys – it's like spring cleaning!

#### **Decorations:**

**Climbing Gym:** Dragons love to climb! Make their castle exciting with branches and things to climb on.

**Green Friends:** Add fake or real plants. Dragons love feeling like they're in a magical forest!

### **Educational Resources:**

**Books and Websites:** Ask a grown-up to find cool books or websites about dragons. You'll learn lots!

**Ask for Help:** If you're not sure about something, don't be shy. Ask a grown-up or an expert for help.

Taking care of your Blue-Eyed Crested Dragon is like having a magical friend. Treat them with kindness and enjoy the adventure!

