

Chameleon Care Sheet

1. Habitat:

Chameleons need a cozy home. Get a tall, mesh-sided enclosure with branches for climbing.

Add plants to mimic their jungle habitat. Fake or real plants work, but make sure they're safe for chameleons.

Use a substrate at the bottom, like coconut fiber or paper towels.

2. Temperature:

Keep it warm! Chameleons like it between 70-80°F (21-27°C) during the day and a bit cooler at night.

Use a heat lamp and a UVB light. The heat lamp warms them up, and the UVB light helps them get Vitamin D.

3. Lighting:

Chameleons love the sun! Mimic sunlight with a UVB light for about 10-12 hours a day.

Make sure to turn off the lights at night, so they have a good sleep.

4. Feeding:

Chameleons are picky eaters! Offer a variety of bugs like crickets, mealworms, and waxworms.

Dust their food with a special powder with calcium and vitamins to keep them healthy. Fresh veggies and fruits are like dessert for them. Treat them with small amounts occasionally.

5. Water:

Chameleons don't drink from a bowl. They lick water droplets. Spray the leaves twice a day with a mister.

Get a dripper or a fountain to keep them hydrated.

6. Handling:

Chameleons need time to trust you. Start slow and be patient.

Hold them gently and don't squeeze. Let them come to you.

Wash your hands before and after handling them to keep them clean.

7. Hideouts:

Chameleons love their alone time. Create hiding spots with leaves or branches.

Provide a cozy sleeping spot, like a comfy branch or a sleeping basket.

8. Vet Visits:

Regular check-ups are important. Find a reptile-friendly vet.

If you notice something unusual, like changes in eating or behavior, visit the vet.

9. Cleanliness:

Keep their home clean. Scoop out poop daily and change the substrate regularly. Wipe down the enclosure with a reptile-safe cleaner.

10. Observation:

Watch and learn. Each chameleon is unique, and they have their own habits and personalities.

Observe their colors and body language. It's how they talk to you!

11. Respect Their Space:

Chameleons like their territory. Don't put two chameleons together unless you're an expert.

Keep them in separate enclosures to avoid stress or fights.

12. Learn and Grow Together:

Chameleons and their caretakers grow together. Keep learning about their behavior and needs.

Enjoy the journey of having a colorful friend and creating a happy and healthy life for them.

Remember, being a chameleon owner is like having a mini jungle adventure every day. Enjoy the journey, and your chameleon will thrive!