



LONG TAIL LIZARD

Takydromus sexlineatus

ORIGIN: Long tail lizards are native to Southeastern Asia including Malaysia, China, and Vietnam. Their natural habitat includes bamboo forests and tall grass fields.

SIZE: Long tail lizards may reach a total length of 14 inches. However, their tails typically account for 70% to 80% of their total length.

CAGING: Long tail lizards will thrive in a variety of plastic and glass cages that provide a warm, humid environment. A 10-gallon aquarium is large enough to house up to five adult long tail lizards.

SUBSTRATE: Long tail lizards are semi-arboreal and typically do not spend time on the cage floor. A substrate that maintains humidity such as peat moss, orchid bark, or mulch is ideal and provides for live plants.

TEMPERATURE: Long tail lizards should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 80°F at one end of the cage to 90°F directly under the basking area. This is easily achieved by placing a heat lamp at one end of the enclosure.

LIGHT: Long tail lizards require full-spectrum lighting to properly synthesize calcium and other vitamins. This can be provided with a variety of commercial light bulbs made for reptiles.

WATER: Long tail lizards should be provided with a large, shallow water bowl. They should also be misted daily and they will drink water off of leaves and branches. Misting will also help maintain a humidity level near 75%.

DIET: Long tail lizards feed on a variety of commercially available feeder insects including mealworms, crickets, and wax worms. Prior to feeding, insects should be dusted with a vitamin and mineral supplement powder for reptiles.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Substrate as detailed above
- UV emitting light
- Heat lamp
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature.
- Literature about long tail lizard husbandry
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Branches and vines for climbing
- Spray bottle

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Decorative cage background
- Night light for nighttime viewing
- Drip System to provide water
- Live or artificial plants

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