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MALI UROMASTYX

Uromastyx maliensis

ORIGIN: Mali Uromastyx naturally occur in arid desert environments. Specifically, they are native to northern Mali and southwest Algeria in Africa.

SIZE: Males are larger and more brightly colored than females. Males reach an average length of 16 inches while females average 12 inches.

CAGING: Mali Uromastyx will thrive in a variety of glass and custom enclosures which are conducive to creating an environment with high heat and low humidity. A 55-gallon aquarium is large enough to house two adults.

SUBSTRATE: Mali Uromastyx can be kept on a variety of substrates including alfalfa pellets, birdseed, cage carpet, and newspaper. However, sand is the preferred substrate.

TEMPERATURE: Mali Uromastyx should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 80°F at one end of the cage to 130°F directly under the basking area. This is easily achieved by placing a heat lamp at one end of the enclosure.

LIGHT: Mali Uromastyx 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. A basking area must be provided with a heat lamp. Lights should be left on only during the day.

WATER: Mali Uromastyx obtain most of their moisture from the vegetables they consume.

However, a small water dish can be provided as long as it does not lead to high humidity levels.

DIET: Mali Uromastyx are omnivores. Their primary diet should consist of dark leafy greens like kale, collards, and turnip greens which can be lightly sprinkled with a vitamin and mineral supplement. They should also have access to dry food such as birdseed, peas, and lentils. Mali Uromastyx should be offered vitamin dusted crickets 2-3 times per week.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Enclosure, minimum 10-gallon
- Secure, well ventilated lid for enclosure
- Heat lamp
- UV emitting light
- Substrate as detailed above
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature at both ends of enclosure
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Cork bark or rocks for climbing and hiding
- Literature about Uromastyx husbandry

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Night light for nighttime viewing
- Silk plants and branches
- Decorative cage background
- Small shallow water dish

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