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# TOKAY GECKO

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**ORIGIN:** Tokay geckos are native to Southeast Asia, from India through Indonesia. However, they have also been introduced to Hawaii, Florida, and some of the Caribbean islands.

**SIZE:** Tokay geckos reach an average length of 10 to 12 inches. Females are typically smaller and less robust than males.

**CAGING:** Tokay geckos will thrive in a variety of plastic and glass cages. The cage should be vertically oriented and contain branches on which the Tokay gecko can climb and hide.

**SUBSTRATE:** Tokay geckos are arboreal and typically do not spend time on the cage floor. A substrate such as peat moss, orchid bark, or mulch is ideal and provides for live plants. Gravel and aquarium pebbles are not recommended as they may be accidentally ingested.

**TEMPERATURE:** Tokay geckos should be provided with a vertical thermal gradient ranging from 75°F at the bottom of the enclosure to 90° at the top of the cage with the use of a heat lamp.

**LIGHT:** Tokay geckos do not require any special lighting because they are nocturnal. However, providing full-spectrum fluorescent lights will benefit the geckos as well as any plants in the cage.

**WATER:** Tokay geckos will not readily drink out of a water bowl. Instead, they should be misted daily and they will drink water off of leaves and branches.

**DIET:** Tokay geckos are insectivorous. They 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. The diet of adult Tokay geckos may also include newborn rodents, but this should not be a staple.

## RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Heat lamp
- Secure well ventilated lid for enclosure
- Substrate as detailed above
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature at top and bottom of cage
- Literature about Tokay gecko husbandry
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Branches and vines for climbing
- Spray bottle

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Colored light for nighttime viewing
- Fluorescent lights
- Decorative cage background
- Misting or Drip System to provide water
- Live or artificial plants

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