



VEILED CHAMELEON

Chamaeleo calyptratus

ORIGIN: Veiled chameleons are native to the inland river valleys of Yemen and southern Saudi Arabia. However, your veiled chameleon was born in captivity in the USA.

SIZE: Males attain an average adult length of 20 inches while females average only 14 inches.

CAGING: Veiled chameleons will thrive in a variety of enclosures including glass aquariums and screen cages. The cage should be well ventilated to prevent excessive humidity. A 55-gallon aquarium is large enough to house an adult pair of veiled chameleons.

SUBSTRATE: Veiled chameleons do not require a substrate in their enclosure and a screen bottom is acceptable. If a substrate is used, it must not be able to be accidentally eaten by the chameleon. For this reason, newspaper and cage carpet are preferable.

TEMPERATURE: Veiled chameleons should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 80°F at one end of the cage to 100°F directly under the basking area. This is easily achieved by placing a heat lamp at one end of the enclosure.

LIGHT: Veiled chameleons 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: Veiled chameleons will not readily drink out of a water bowl. Instead, they should be misted daily and they will drink water as it runs down their casque, and off of leaves and branches. They do not require high humidity levels.

DIET: Veiled chameleons are omnivores. 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. Juvenile and adults should also be provided with vegetation on which to feed.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or screen enclosure
- Secure well ventilated lid for enclosure
- Heat lamp
- UV emitting light
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature at both ends of enclosure
- Literature about veiled chameleon husbandry
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Branches and vines for climbing
- Spray bottle

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

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

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