

PANTHER CHAMELEON CARE GUIDE



Raised individually. Chosen personally.

TEMPERATURE

80–85°F Basking
70–75°F Ambient day
62–68°F Ambient night

HUMIDITY

40–50% Day
80–100% Night
Allow daytime dry-down

UVB + LIGHT CYCLE

UVI 3
At the chameleon's back
12h ON / 12h OFF

01 LIVE PLANTS + HABITAT

24 × 24 × 48 in minimum (W × D × H). House alone. Use a hybrid with a screen top and lower front vent; keep airflow paths clear.

Live plants: densely plant the lower two-thirds with pesticide-safe plants. Add horizontal branches, basking routes and shade.

Drain well. Establish bioactive builds for **2–4 weeks**. Remove waste from leaves and branches.

03 MIST + HYDRATE

BEFORE LIGHTS ON: mist leaves **2–3 minutes** to leave drinking droplets for morning.

AFTER LIGHTS OFF: wait about **30 minutes** for cooling, then mist **2–3 minutes**. Aim at leaves, not the animal.

Run a dripper over a leaf for **1–2 daytime hours**. Drain runoff and let leaves and branches dry through the day. Do not rely on a water bowl.

Fog only on cool nights **below about 68°F**, with gentle airflow. Empty, dry and refill daily; clean wetted parts every third day per maker directions.

05 DAILY CARE + SETTLING

First week: no handling; keep calm. Message us if not eating by day 4–5.

Daily: check eyes, grip, appetite and droppings. Remove uneaten feeders; keep cups out of heat.

Weekly: weigh and log. Judge urates with overall health; some orange alone is not a diagnosis.

02 UVB + LIGHTING

Linear T5 HO UVB: target **UVI 3 at the chameleon's back**. Check reachable ceiling areas too; provide shaded retreat routes.

12 hours on / 12 hours off: put UVB and a separate plant LED on timers. Time overhead basking heat separately. No lights at night.

Check heat at back/head height. Replace T5 UVB tubes every **9–12 months**.

04 DIET + SUPPLEMENTS

Varied diet: rotate 3–4 insect species; **gut load 24–48h**. Size no wider than the eye gap. **No fireflies.**

WHEN TO FEED · starting amounts

Growing 6 mo.+ : **6–10 daily**

Adult male: **4–6 every other day**

Non-gravid adult female: **3–5 every 2–3 days**

Adjust to growth/weight; gravid: feed to appetite.

Light dusting: Arcadia EarthPro-A routinely.

Replace with Repashy Calcium Plus LoD twice monthly.

No extra D3 or multivitamin.

06 FEMALES + HEALTH

Females lay without a male. From maturity, keep a lay bin with **4–6 in damp sand or sand/soil** that holds a tunnel over a solid base. Keep clean; give privacy.

Exotics vet promptly: labored breathing, bubbles, weak grip, tremors, persistent closed eyes or sudden weight loss. **Egg binding or prolapse: emergency.**

GOOD CARE STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION.

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