

## Anole / Green Anole

Scientific Name: *Anolis Carolinensis*

### Brief Description:

These small reptiles are commonly referred to as the American chameleon and can be found in parts of North America, sepecially Florida. They are easy to care for and don't require a lot of space.



**Average Size:** The average length is approximately three-to-seven inches.

**Average Life Span:** The average life span is approximately four-to-eight years with proper care.

### Feeding:

Feeding the Anole is a relativley easy and quick process. As a result, we offer the following feeding suggestions and guidelines:

- Use a high quality, calcium powder, evenly disributed on all insect offerings.
- Anoles prefer pinhead crickets and mealworms.
- Feeding portions should be adjusted according to your Anloe size.

### Housing:

Anoles do not require large enclosures, but habbitat size should be kept proportional for each lizard kept.

- Ten gallon tanks are often used to accommodate an Anole.
- Cover enclosure with a lid, but allow for air circulation and offer plants/decorations.

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### Maintenance:

We can't begin to stress how important it is to maintain a healthy living environment for any pet you care for. As for your responsibility to your Anole, we can tell you that its a relatively easy, stress-free process with some great points listed below.



- Using the right substrate makes big difference
  - o Reptile bark is an easy-to-clean and inexpensive option.
  - o Echo earth is also a good option as it helps maintain higher humidity levels.
  - o Mixing reptile bark and echo earth makes substrate cleaning, easy.
- Spot clean your enclosure as necessary.
- Remove feces, urates and uneaten prey as soon as possible.
- Clean and disinfect any water bowls, and decorations, on a weekly-basis.
- Disinfect enclosure, using a reptile cleaning product, once a month.

### Temperatures and Heating:

Anoles originate from the Caribbean and the south-eastern United States of America. As a result, they will require a welcoming, humid and warm environment in order to maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle. Below you will find some great points and suggestions to help accomplish this.

- Temperatures should be kept warmer along top and cooler along bottom, of the enclosure.
- Optimal temperature along the top of your enclosure should be between 85 °F to 90 °F.
- Optimal temperature along the bottom of your enclosure should be between 75 °F to 85 °F.
- Night time temperature during the night hours should remain between 65 °F to 75 °F.
- Ceramic heat emitters or heat bulbs are suggested methods to keep enclosure at the correct temperatures.

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- Use two thermostats to monitor temperatures. One at the top, one at the bottom.
- Humidity levels are optimal between 60 and eighty percent.
- Mist your pet's habitat two or three times per day or use an automatic fogger.



### Lighting:

Proper lighting is critical for optimal health of your Anole and will help your pet digest its food better through calcium absorption. Read below for more details.

- Install a UVB light in your Anole enclosure.
- Use a timer and provide for twelve-hours per day, of UVB light.
- Consider switching to a night-specific build so you can watch your pet with minimal disturbance.

### Water & Accessories:

Water, as for all living creatures, is a fundamental necessity. Be sure to provide your pet with fresh water, every day.

- Provide a shallow dish for water.
- Provide fresh water daily.
- Clean and disinfect water dish, daily.
- If your pet is not seen drinking water, mist the enclosure.
- Provide coconut husk as bedding with a small branch for molting.