

# Anole Care Sheet



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Congratulations on your new pet. Anoles can reach an adult length of three to five inches (total length). Their color varies from a brown color to bright green. They have specialized toe pads that allow them to effortlessly move along vertical surfaces and upside down. With proper care they can live five or more years. They are very fast and fragile pets and do not do well being handled and can detach their tail quite easily. This makes them a poor choice for children.

## HOUSING-----

A 10-20 gallon tall terrarium is sufficient for a couple of anoles, but bigger is better. Keep in mind that anoles need vertical space for climbing so use a tall tank. Males are territorial so should only be kept one to a cage, but females will get along given enough space and hiding places. The substrate for anoles should be something that retains moisture, such as reptile bark or Eco Earth. Anoles need a moderate to high humidity level; aim for 60-75 percent. Use a humidity gauge to make sure levels are correct. Regular misting should provide the right humidity. Anoles need room to climb, so provide branches, driftwood, and silk or live plants. They also need hiding spots such as reptile caves. Provide enough hides to give multiple anoles space to hide from each other. A small shallow water dish can be provided with fresh water daily, but they may prefer to drink from water droplets on leaves.

## HEATING AND LIGHT-----

A daytime temperature of 75-90 degrees fahrenheit should be provided, with a drop at night time to 65-75 degrees. Heat can be provided by a ceramic heat element or reptile bulbs in a reflector, or the Exo-Terra Heatwave terrarium substrate heater under the tank. White incandescent bulbs or blue reptile bulbs can be used, only use them during day time hours. A red night time bulb can be used for heat at night. Anoles are diurnal so they should be provided with UV lighting.

## DIET-----

Crickets can make up the main part of the diet, with the addition of the occasional meal worm. Crickets should be gut loaded prior to feeding, and dusted with a calcium supplement two to three times a week and a multivitamin once a week. Feed in the evening; juveniles should be fed daily but adults can be fed every other day. Feed as much as your anole will consume eagerly. Misting plants several times a day in the tank will form water droplets that the gecko can lick. A bowl of fresh water should be provided, even if they prefer the droplets.

## CLEANING-----

Change the water and remove droppings daily. Thoroughly clean the tank once a week. Put the anole in a secure place then scrub the tank and furnishings with Healthy Habitat. Rinse everything well so no cleaning odors remain. Add fresh moist substrate and the furnishing.

## **HEALTH-----**

Anoles are generally healthy and should live five or more years with proper care. Always wash your hands before and after handling reptiles.

## **FERTILITY-----**

Anoles do not usually breed in captivity.

## **CHECKLIST-----**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10-20 gallon aquarium or vertical terrarium
- \_\_\_\_\_ substrate
- \_\_\_\_\_ shallow water bowl
- \_\_\_\_\_ humidity gauge
- \_\_\_\_\_ thermometer
- \_\_\_\_\_ plants and branches
- \_\_\_\_\_ misting bottle
- \_\_\_\_\_ heat source
- \_\_\_\_\_ vitamin / mineral / calcium supplement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Spectrum UV light
- \_\_\_\_\_ vines and synthetic plants