



Green Anole

Anolis carolinensis

Care Sheet

Caging needed: A pair of anoles should be kept in an enclosure no smaller than 20 gallons. They need height rather than width, so find a habitat that is taller rather than long. Fill the enclosure with plants (live or artificial) and ornaments for your anoles to climb and hide on. Always have a screen top on your enclosure for ventilation and to keep the anoles in.

Substrate: Repti-bark, orchid bark, ground coconut fiber, and peat moss can be used to help create a naturalistic enclosure. Other substrates such as newspaper, paper towels, or reptile carpeting can also be used. If using a naturalistic substrate, be sure to clean frequently to prevent mold and bacteria growth.

Temperature & Lighting: Green Anoles should be kept with an ambient day temperature of 75- 80 degrees with a basking temperature of 85-90 degrees. Nighttime temperatures can drop to 65-75 degrees. They require UVB bulbs or mercury vapor bulbs that can also provide heat for the basking spot. Basking temperatures can also be achieved using incandescent bulbs, infrared bulbs, or ceramic emitters. Heat rocks, heat cave, and other similar items should never be used.

Diet: Anoles are insectivorous. They will eat crickets, mealworm, wax worms, cockroaches, fruit flies, and other small insects. All insects should be properly gut loaded prior to feeding. Offering a variety of different insects will offer the best diet for the anole since different insects have different nutritional values. Only offer as much food as they can eat in one sitting each feeding time.

Misc: Males cannot be housed together as they are territorial and will often fight over the limited space. Males can be kept with one or more females and any number of females can be kept together. The larger the group the larger the enclosure needed.

Average Size: 9- 12 inches

Average Lifespan:

7-10 years if taken care of properly

