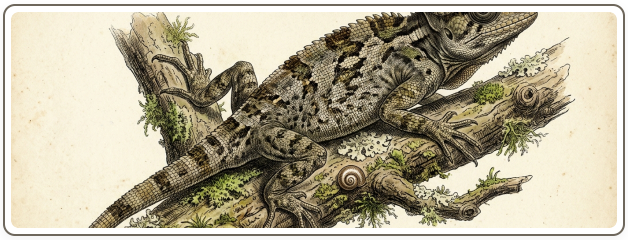
Cuban False Chameleon

Anolis barbatus (syn. Chamaeleolis barbatus)

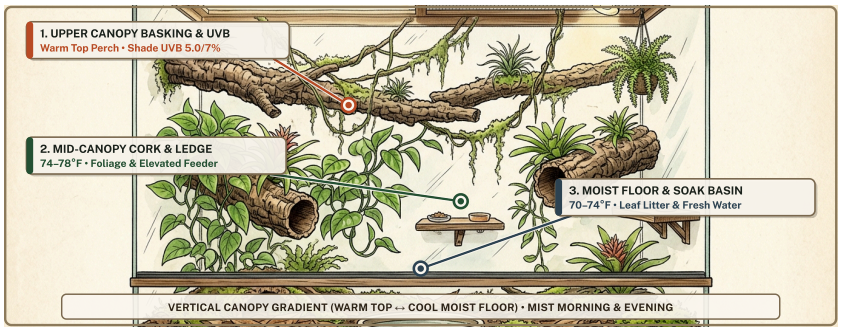
The Quick Version: Plot twist — the Cuban False Chameleon isn't a chameleon at all, it's a giant, prehistoric-looking bark anole! Unlike real chameleons (which get stressed if you even look at them sideways), these guys are super chill, move in slow motion, love hanging out on your hand, and crunch on snails!



LIFESPAN	ADULT SIZE	ACTIVE HOURS	ADULT TANK	FAVORITE FOOD
7–10+ Years	12–16 Inches	Daytime (Diurnal)	18×18×24" to 36×18×24"	Soft Bugs & Snails!

1. Tall Cloud-Forest Setup & Moving Water Drops

HORIZONTAL BARK BRANCHES + DRIPPING/MISTED WATER + 5%–6% SHADE UVB!



Top Branch Basking Spot — Warm upper branch under a gentle basking bulb	88°–92°F
Upper Canopy Air — Warm, humid Cuban cloud-forest air	76°–82°F
Humidity Cycle — Mist heavily morning & afternoon (65–80% RH)	65–80% RH
Lower Shaded Zone — Cooler mossy bottom & lower branches	70°–75°F
Nighttime Temp Drop — Lights off at night; cool drop to 66–72°F	66°–72°F

2. Two Ways That Work — Pick What Fits Your Home

SHORT & SWEET: BOTH OPTIONS WORK GREAT

Tank Style: Tall Front-Opening Glass Terrarium

Unlike true chameleons that need all-screen cages, False Chameleons need 65–80% humidity:

OPTION A: FRONT-OPENING TALL GLASS TERRARIUM (OUR TOP PICK!)

An 18"×18"×24" (juvenile) or 24"×18"×24" / 36"×18"×24" (adult) glass terrarium holds cloud-forest humidity in great while keeping fresh airflow.

OPTION B: LIVE-PLANTED BIOACTIVE CANOPY TANK

Add Hydroballs drainage, Reptisoil, broad-leaf vines, and a cleanup crew of **Dwarf White**, **Zebra (A. maculatum)**, or **Cubaris Isopods + Tropical Springtails**!

How They Drink (They Don't Understand Water Bowls!)

Huge Team Tip: in the wild, they only drink moving raindrops rolling down bark and leaves:

OPTION A: LITTLE DRIPPER + HAND MISTING (2–3× A DAY)

Set a Zoo Med Little Dripper on the screen top to drip onto leaves, and mist gently right on their snout every morning until you see them drink!

OPTION B: PARTIALLY COVERED SCREEN TOP (HOLDS DEW LONGER)

Cover 50% of the screen mesh with a clear liner so morning water droplets stay beaded on the leaves twice as long.

Canopy UVB & Gentle Basking Bulb

Because they're daytime tree-dwellers, they need both UV light and a warm top branch:

OPTION A: 5.0 / 6% SHADE T5 LINEAR UVB TUBE

Set right across the top screen 6–8" above their favorite horizontal cork branch.

OPTION B: UVB BAR + 40W–60W DAYLIGHT BASKING BULB

Gives them an 88–92°F sunny perch so babies can warm up their belly after eating.

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3. The Soft-Bug, Roach & Snail Menu

FEED GUT-LOADED ROACHES, CRICKETS & HORNWORMS + CULTURED SNAILS (DUST WITH CALCIUM!)

Babies (0–6m) Feed Daily	**Small Crickets, Small Dubia Roaches, Hornworms & Pea-Sized Snails:** Mist first so they drink! Then offer 4–6 small calcium-dusted bugs in an elevated magnetic ledge cup.
Juveniles Daily / Every Other Day	**Dubia Roaches, Crickets, Small Hornworms & Cultured Snails:** Put roaches and grubs in a magnetic wall cup right next to their top branch so they can stalk at eye level.
Adults 4–5× Per Week	**Dubia Roaches, Crickets, Hornworms, Snails & a Dab of Gecko Smoothie:** Fun treat: many adults love licking a dab of Pangea Fig & Insect or Fruit smoothie off a branch!

Staple Foods on Our Shelves:

- **Dubia Roaches & Crickets** — Our #1 daily staples — gut-load & dust with calcium!
- **Juicy Hornworms & Grubs** — Soft, high-calcium favorites they go crazy for
- **Pangea Fruit/Insect Dab & Snails** — Lickable smoothie treat + cultured/canned snails
- **NEVER Feed Backyard Snails!** — Wild yard snails carry rat lungworm & lawn poison!

Elevated Magnetic Cup Trick: Cuban False Chameleons hunt in slow motion up in the branches and will ignore bugs hiding on the floor! Stick a **Magnetic Acrylic Ledge Cup** high up on the glass right next to their basking bark and drop Dubia roaches or worms inside.

4. Tips, Tricks & Big No-Nos from Our Reptile Team

REAL-WORLD HABITS THAT KEEP THEM THRIVING

Horizontal Bark Perches

They sleep pressed flat against rough tree bark like a piece of lichen! Criss-cross the top half of the tank with horizontal cork branches as wide as their body.

Hydration Comes First!

Dehydration is the #1 danger for babies. Mist right onto the leaves beside their face every morning until you actually watch them drink.

Slow-Mo Stalkers

They hunt in total slow motion! Don't dump 20 fast crickets loose on the floor — put bugs in an elevated magnetic ledge cup or tong-feed right in front of their branch.

Let Them Walk Onto You

Never grab them around the ribs from above (it scares them and hurts their ribs). Slide your fingers gently under their chin and let them step onto your hand like a branch!

5. Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

ASK US ON THE FLOOR — WE'LL HELP YOU MATCH EVERYTHING!

TALL CANOPY TANK & BRANCHES

- [ ] 18"×18"×24" (Juvie) or 24"×18"×24" / 36"×18"×24" Glass Terrarium
- [ ] Lots of Rough Cork Bark Flats, Branches & Bendable Vines
- [ ] Reptisoil + Forest Floor Cypress + Sphagnum Moss
- [ ] Broad-Leaf Terrarium Vines & Plants

UVB, BASKING & MISTING GEAR

- [ ] 5.0 / 6% Shade T5 HO Linear UVB Fixture & Bulb
- [ ] 40W–60W Daylight Basking Bulb + Dome Fixture
- [ ] Zoo Med Little Dripper + Hand Pump Spray Mister
- [ ] Digital Thermometer & Hygrometer Gauge

BUGS, LEDGE & SUPPLEMENTS

- [ ] Live Dubia Roaches, Crickets & Hornworms + Pangea Fruit/Insect Mix
- [ ] Elevated Magnetic Acrylic Feeder Ledge & Cups (keeps bugs at eye level!)
- [ ] Pure Reptile Calcium + Reptivite / Supervite & Vitamin A Plus

A Quick Note from Our Team — Keep Learning & Ask Us Anytime!

The quick version: there's more than one right way to set up a great enclosure! As long as your temperatures, humidity, and diet are dialed in, your pet doesn't care whether its cave is fancy resin or a terra-cotta pot. Bringing home this critter is a **7–10+ year commitment** — use these two pages as your home-base cheat sheet, watch what your pet tells you with their daily behavior, find a good local exotic vet, and call or stop by the shop anytime you have questions!

MY FALSE CHAMELEON'S INFO

Name / Morph: _____

Current Diet: _____

Date Adopted: _____