INSIDE FLAP • KEEPER HABITS

4 Keys to Long-Term Health

Small Daily Habits That Prevent 95% of Vet Visits

Let It Dry Between Mists

Keeping the tank sopping wet 24/7 grows mold and causes skin/breathing issues. Mist well at night (80–90%), then let it air out to 50–60% during the afternoon!

Pack the Top 70% Full

Give them plenty of horizontal branches and vines across the top half of the tank. If they sleep hanging upside-down on bare glass every day, their tail weight can bend their hips ('Floppy Tail').

'Frog-Butt' Tail Fact

Unlike Leopard Geckos, if a Crested Gecko drops its tail when spooked, **it never grows back!** Almost all wild adults are cute 'frog-butts' and live totally normal, happy lives.

Treadmill Hand-Walking

Crested Geckos are jumpers! Sit over a bed or couch and let them hop from one flat hand to the other like a little treadmill — never squeeze them.

Don't Dust the Smoothie! Powdered Complete Gecko Diets are already mathematically balanced with calcium and vitamins — only dust their **live bugs** with calcium powder before feeding.

BACK COVER • TAKE THIS TO THE AISLE

Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

TALL TERRARIUM & CANOPY CLUTTER

- [ ] 18"×18"×24" or 24"×18"×36" Front-Opening Tall Terrarium
- [ ] Cork Bark Tubes, Horizontal Branches & Hanging Vines (Pack 70% Full!)
- [ ] Magnetic Feeding Ledge + Spare Plastic Ledge Cups
- [ ] Hanging Coconut Hut Hide & Small Ground Water Dish

MISTING, SOIL & LIGHTING

- [ ] Pump/Spray Mister Bottle + Reptile Water Dechlorinator
- [ ] Digital Thermometer & Hygrometer Gauge
- [ ] Tropical Reptile Soil / Coco Fiber + Sphagnum Moss & Leaf Litter
- [ ] Optional: Canopy Plant LED & 5%–7% Shade T5 UVB

SMOOTHIE DIET & LIVE BUGS

- [ ] Powdered Complete Crested Gecko Diet (Grab 2 Flavors to Rotate!)
- [ ] High-Protein Insect-Blend Formula (Great for Growing Babies)
- [ ] Live Small Crickets or Dubia Roaches
- [ ] Reptile Calcium Powder (for dusting live bugs only)

MY GECKO'S INFO & FEEDING LOG

Name / Morph: _____

Gotcha Date & Weight: _____

Current Feeder Size & Day: _____

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Questions about heating, shedding, or a picky eater? Stop by or call our reptile team anytime — we're here for the full 15–20+ year commitment!

CRITTER CABANA & CASCADE PET SUPPLY • CARE GUIDE

Crested Gecko

Correlophus ciliatus



The Quick Version: With their goofy eyelash ridges and velvet-soft sticky toes, Crested Geckos are one of the easiest reptiles you can keep! They come from cool, humid treetops in New Caledonia — meaning they love comfortable room temps and eat a powdered fruit-and-bug smoothie mix!

QUICK VITAL STATS AT-A-GLANCE

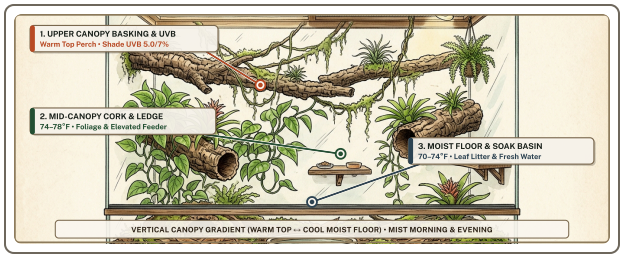
LIFESPAN **15–20+ Years**	ADULT SIZE **7–9 Inches**
ACTIVE HOURS **Night (Nocturnal)**	ADULT TANK **18×18×24"+ Tall**
TEMP RULE **70°–80°F (Never >83°F!)**	

OPEN FOR TANK SETUP, TEMPS, FEEDING & SHOPPING LIST →

STEP 1 • HABITAT & CLIMATE

Tall Jungle Setup & The Mist-and-Dry Cycle

Height, Leafy Clutter & Keeping Temps Under 82°F Are Everything!



Top Branch Warm Spot
Gentle warmth at the top — NEVER let the tank pass 83°F! **78°–80°F**

Daytime Room Temp
If you're comfy in a t-shirt, your Crested Gecko is comfy! **72°–77°F**

Evening Mist Spike
Mist heavily at night so they can lick water off leaves **80–90% RH**

Daytime Dry-Out
Let the tank air out to 50–60% by afternoon (prevents mold!) **50–60% RH**

Nighttime Temp Drop
Lights off at night; cool drop down to 66°F is totally fine **66°–72°F**

Thermostat & Gauge Rule: Stick-on dial gauges can be off by 10°F+! Use a digital probe thermometer/hygrometer and always plug heating mats and heat emitters into a **digital thermostat**.

STEP 2 • STOCKED STORE OPTIONS

Two Ways That Work

Pick Option A or Option B Based on Your Home Setup

Bioactive Jungle vs. Simple Setup

Crested Geckos spend 90% of their life up off the floor in branches and leaves:

OPTION A: LIVE-PLANTED BIOACTIVE TANK
Drainage balls, tropical soil, leaf litter, sturdy live Pothos/Schefflera plants, and springtails/isopods that eat poop and mold for you!

OPTION B: SIMPLE CORK & SILK VINE SETUP (GREAT FOR BABIES)
Damp paper towels for tiny babies (so you can make sure they're pooping!) or coco/soil bedding, packed top-to-bottom with cork tubes and fake vines.

Low-Level UVB vs. Standard LED

Because powdered Complete Gecko Diet already has Vitamin D3 mixed right in, you can go either route:

OPTION A: 5%–7% SHADE UVB + PLANT LED
Gives a gentle natural UV boost for strong bones and makes live plants grow like crazy.

OPTION B: SIMPLE DAY/NIGHT LED LIGHT
As long as they're eating quality Complete Gecko Diet (CGD) and calcium-dusted bugs, a regular low-heat LED light works great.

Do You Need a Heat Bulb?

Big No-No: overheating above 83–84°F is way more dangerous to Crested Geckos than being a little cool!

OPTION A: NORMAL HEATED HOUSE (72–78°F)
Skip heat lamps completely! Normal indoor room temperatures are right in their sweet spot.

OPTION B: CHILLY WINTER ROOM (UNDER 68–70°F)
Use a tiny 25W–40W nano ceramic heat emitter or low-watt bulb on a **thermostat** set to 78°F at the very top screen.

STEP 3 • DIET & NUTRITION

Feeding Guide: Fruit Smoothie Cups + Weekly Bugs

Fair Warning: They Love to Walk Through Their Smoothie & Paint the Glass!

Babies
0–12 Mos (<15g)

Fresh Smoothie Daily + Small Bugs 1–2×/Week: Mix powdered Complete Gecko Diet with water until it looks like ketchup in a magnetic ledge cup. Offer 2–4 small calcium-dusted crickets or roaches weekly for faster growth.

Adults
12+ Mos (35–55g)

Fresh Smoothie Every 2–3 Days + Bugs Weekly: Put a fresh cup in at dusk 3×/week (toss old food after 24 hrs) plus 3–5 dusted bugs once a week.

Big No-No
Never Feed

Skip Human Baby Food & Jelly Pots: Fruit baby food has zero calcium and causes rubbery bones (MBD) fast! Stick to real formulated Crested Gecko Diet.

Favorite Flavors & Bugs on Our Shelves:

- **Insect-Blend Smoothie Mix:** Fig & Insect, Growth/Breeding, Fruit w/ Bugs
- **Tropical Fruit Blends:** Watermelon, Apricot, Papaya, Banana
- **Small Crickets & Roaches:** Triggers their hilarious nocturnal pounce
- **Magnetic Ledge & Cups:** Keep food up high where they actually hang out!

First-Week Rule: Give your new Crested Gecko **5 to 7 days of peace and quiet** in its new tank before handling or offering its very first meal so it can map out its hides and feel safe!