



BASIC TROPICAL KIT CARE GUIDE

What you need to know to get started
in caring for a tropical reptile or amphibian.





Quick and Easy Setup

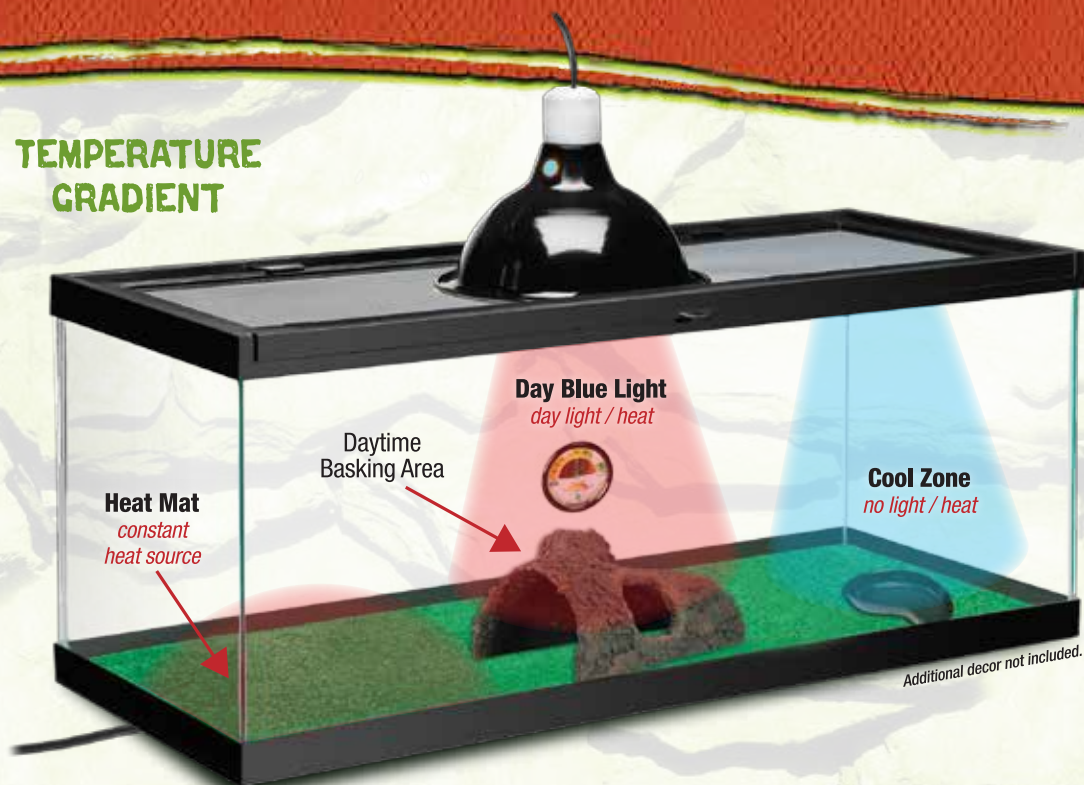
- 1. Terrarium Liner:** Unroll and place the included Terrarium Liner on the bottom of the terrarium, making it as flat as possible. You may trim some of the length with a scissors if it is too long.
- 2. Humidity and Temperature Gauge:** Attach suction cup to the hole in the back of the Humidity and Temperature Gauge and affix the suction cup to the back of the terrarium. Generally, placement in the center, closer to the bottom of the terrarium, will result in more accurate readings.
- 3. Screen Cover:** Insert and slide screen on terrarium. NOTE: When closing screen cover, make sure screen latches are secure.
- 4. Reflector Dome, Light Bulb and Heat Mat:** Follow the steps in the included Heat Mat instruction manual to install the Heat Mat and rubber spacers. Screw bulb into Reflector Dome. Place the Day Blue bulb on top of the screen cover in the middle of the terrarium. Plug in Reflector Dome and flip switch to illuminate.

Visit zilla-rules.com for ideas on ways to spruce up your terrarium. Décor items such as Rock Dens or Terrarium Plants will not only add a little pizzazz to the environment, it will also make your reptile feel more at home.

COMPLETED TERRARIUM SETUP



TEMPERATURE GRADIENT



Basic Care Tips

- **Become an expert on your specific type of animal.** Get a book about your animal, talk to a trusted pet store associate or visit zilla-rules.com to get all the information necessary to care for your new pet.
- **Create a temperature gradient in the terrarium.** By following the setup instructions on the previous page, you are creating a basic temperature gradient. A temperature gradient means that different parts of the terrarium are at different temperatures during the day and night. This way, if your animal is too hot, it can move to a cooler area, and vice versa. **Keep your Day Blue bulb on during the day and turn it off at night. The Heat Mat should remain on at all times.** The diagram above shows how the temperature gradient works.
- **Does your animal require a source of Ultraviolet (UV) light?** If so, you may need to purchase another light fixture and bulb that provides the necessary UV light, such as a Zilla Slimline Tropical 25 Fixture.
- **Does your animal require additional heat or humidity?** Adding an additional Reflector Dome with a Ceramic Heat Emitter will increase the temperature without adding light. A great way to retain humidity inside the terrarium is to add moisture absorbant bedding, like Zilla Fir and Sphagnum Peat Moss or Douglas Fir Bark. For the first few days of keeping your new pet, **move the Humidity and Temperature Gauge to various parts of the terrarium to make sure the temperature is within the recommended range for your specific type of animal.**
- **Provide enough nutrients for your animal through a varied diet and supplements.** Add additional nutrients to fruits and vegetables by spraying on Zilla Calcium and Vitamin Supplements. Or pack live insects with nutrients with Zilla Gut Load Cricket and Insect Food.



Simple Cleaning and Maintenance

- **Clean the Terrarium Liner twice per week** by removing it from the terrarium and rinsing thoroughly with cold water. Allow to air dry before returning to the terrarium.
- **Remove perishable food and/or dead insects from the terrarium daily.** To make this job even easier, purchase a Terrarium Dish that will hold food and is easy to clean with a little soap and water.
- **Replace UV bulbs every six months.** The amount of UV rays a bulb emits will decline slowly each time it is turned on. The average UV bulb becomes ineffective after six months.

REPTILE SPECIES GUIDE

REPTILE	DIET	HABITAT	UVB LIGHTING	BASKING TEMP. RANGE	NIGHT TEMP. GRADIENT	HUMIDITY RANGE
ANOLES	Insectivore	Woodland, Rainforest	Tropical 25	90-100F	cool 65-75F warm	60-80%
HOUSE GECKOS	Insectivore	Rainforest	Tropical 25	90-95F	cool 70-75F warm	60-80%
CRESTED GECKO	Insectivore, Fruit	Rainforest	Daylight Full-Spectrum	70-80F	cool 65-70F warm	60-80%
SKINKS	Omnivore	Savannah, Semi-Desert, Forest	Tropical 25	90-95F	cool 70-75F warm	40-60%
GREEN/GREY TREE FROGS	Insectivore	Woodland, Marsh	Daylight Full-Spectrum	70-80F	cool 70-75F warm	80-90%
TIGER SALAMANDER	Insectivore	Woodland, Marsh	Daylight Full-Spectrum	70-80F	cool 65-70F warm	80-90%

As the following reptiles mature, a larger terrarium will be necessary for long-term housing.

CORN SNAKES	Carnivore	Woodland	Daylight Full-Spectrum	85-90F	cool 65-75F warm	40-60%
BALL PYTHONS	Carnivore	Savannah, Arid Forest	Daylight Full-Spectrum	90-95F	cool 75-80F warm	60-80%
WATER DRAGONS	Omnivore	Rainforest, Marsh	Tropical 25	90-100F	cool 70-75F warm	60-80%

- Always provide a temperature gradient for the reptile in which the animal can bask in the heat and then move to a hiding den on the other side of the living area to cool down.
- Please check with a sales associate for additional help in selecting the proper environment and care for your reptiles.
- **This kit is not recommended for Iguana, Monitors or other large lizard species.**



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