

Crevice Spiny Lizard Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: Crevice spiny lizard

Latin Name: *Sceloporus poinsettii*

Native To: southern north America and Mexico

Size: 6 - 12"

Life Span: 6 – 8 years

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Inhabiting arid parts of southern north America and Mexico, Crevice lizards enjoy hot dry climates.

Vivarium Size:

Crevice spiny lizards are a communal species and we recommend them in at least pairs. Due to the active nature of the lizards and their diurnal habits, a minimum 34x15x15 is needed for a pair.

Substrate:

As an arid species, originating from very hot and dry areas, the substrate should reflect this. Dried sand/soil mixes, prepacked desert substrates will be beneficial for this species. At a depth of 2-4" to allow for digging and burrowing behaviour. Hides, tunnels and buried pipes can simulate burrows with the rest of the decoration made up of rocks and logs.

Food and Water:

Crevice spiny lizards are primarily insectivorous but have been known to take vegetation and small amounts

of fruits when they become available. Crickets, locust, meal worms, moriworms, feeder roaches and waxworms make for a varied diet. Small pieces of fruit can be offered once or twice a month.

Water should be available at all times in a small bowl and the enclosure should be sprayed once a week.

Heat/Light Requirements:

Naturally inhabiting hot and dry areas of the US and Mexico, crevice spiny lizards will need replicated heating and lighting for them to remain healthy in captivity. A hot basking spot of 32-35°C coupled with a 12% UV strip. Evening temperatures can drop to the low 20's.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your Crevice spiny lizard, all of which can be thermostatically controlled:

Day (cool end): 26 -30°C

Basking (warm end): 32 - 38°C

Night: 22 - 24°C

Please note that this care sheet is only for your basic husbandry knowledge and that it is always recommended that you do further reading.

FURTHER READING

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