

European Eyed Lizard Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: Eyed lizard, ocellated lizard

Latin Name: *Timon lepidus*

Native To: south west Europe

Size: 24-36"

Life Span: 8-12 years

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

A large species of wall lizard found throughout south west Europe. Can be found inhabiting varied environments from semi-arid scrubland to sub-tropical forests.

Vivarium Size:

A minimum size vivarium would be 36x15x15", but as with most lizard species, larger is better. Wooden vivarium's should be used as they are well insulated and will hold temperatures more efficiently.

Substrate:

A good forest mix allowing for water retention and increased humidity but also allowing the eyed lizard to dig and burrow would be ideal. There are many different prepared substrates available to use including forest bedding, coco husk, bark chippings and mixed soils. Including hides and sturdy branches to the enclosure as enrichment will benefit the eyed lizard immensely.

Food and Water:

Eyed lizards are almost completely insectivorous. Appropriately sized insects will be taken happily and in

large amounts if allowed. Crickets, locusts, roaches, mealworms and moriworms will make up the majority of the captive diet. Pinkie mice can be offered as a treat once the eyed is fully grown and dandelion flowers can be offered too.

A large water bowl should be provided, large enough for the animal to soak in. this will also help to maintain a relative humidity of 30-50% which is require for this species.

Heat/Light Requirements:

Eyed lizards need a high temperature and UV exposure. 10-12% UV for 12-14 hours per day as well as heat 12-14 hours per day.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your European eyed lizard, all of which should be thermostatically controlled:

Day (cool end): 26 -30°C

Basking (warm end): 35 - 40°C

Night: 22 - 26°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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