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<p>The New Caledonian crested gecko (<i>Correlophus [Rhacodactylus] ciliatus</i>) is perhaps the ultimate pet reptile. Unlike other popular lizards like leopard geckos and bearded dragons, the crested gecko often requires no special heating or lighting. They are nocturnal and thrive at moderate temperatures. And their biggest selling point may be that a commercial diet is available that eliminates the need for live food. Repashy Superfood Crested Gecko Diet (CGD) can be used to raise these personable geckos from hatchling to adulthood. Cresteds are beautiful and polymorphic and their nighttime arboreal activities are enjoyable to watch.</p>						
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Conditions »	Day Temp	72-78°F (82°F MAX!)	Night Temp	65-75°F	Humidity	65-80%
Heat Source »	Often unnecessary. Warm room temps are ideal. A low-wattage red or blue bulb may be used with caution as needed. DO NOT ALLOW TEMPERATURE TO EXCEED 82°F!					
HOUSING		<p>Crested geckos are arboreal and will appreciate a tall enclosure. A medium or large Kritter Keeper is good for raising hatchlings and a 20H aquarium or a 12x12x18 terrarium may be used to house a pair of adults. Several hatchlings may be raised together, but at maturity only one male should be housed in a cage. He can be kept in harem groups with one to three females.</p> <p>Young crested geckos should be housed in small escape-proof containers using a paper towel for substrate to prevent accidental ingestion of substrate, cork bark or egg carton to provide hiding places and climbing surfaces, some plastic or silk plant and a shallow dish of fresh water. The cage should be lightly misted with warm water every evening.</p> <p>Breeders often use similar housing that is just proportionately larger in size, but these beautiful geckos are also excellent candidates for a naturalistic terrarium including an earth and moss substrate, live tropical plants and natural wood branches.</p> <p>UVB lighting is not necessary for these nocturnal geckos, but full spectrum lighting can be used to create a natural photoperiod and illuminate any live plants used. If housed in a cool location where temperatures in the mid-70s are rare, you can provide heat using a very low-wattage incandescent bulb. Red or blue bulbs should be used if lamp is required at night, but this is rarely the case as cresties will appreciate a nighttime drop in temperature. Provide any supplemental heat with great caution as these geckos will perish at temperatures much above 82°F.</p>				
DIET		<p>Crested geckos are omnivorous and eat both insects and fruits & nectar in nature. Today many keepers feed them nothing but prepared Repashy Crested Gecko Diet (CGD), although many keepers including myself supplement this diet with calcium-dusted gut-loaded crickets once or twice a week (especially for young cresties). The choice is yours. CGD provides optimal nutrition and should be used instead of baby foods or other human diets. It is mixed with water as per instructions and can be offered in a shallow dish such as a jar cap or a 0.5 oz. portion (condiment) cup.</p>				