

GREEN AMEIVA

Behavior: Green ameivas come from the rainforests of South America. They are active during the day and have the ability to drop their tail so care must be taken when picking one up. They like to dig and will often bury themselves in the substrate. They also have a forked tongue that is used to smell with similarly to a snake. They are rarely tamed and significant time must be spent to be able to handle them.

Experience Level: Intermediate to advanced if you want to tame one.



Adult Size: 14 to 24 inches.

Life Expectancy: 10 years.

Ambient Temperature: 80F.

Basking Temperature: 90F.

Light: Repti-Glo 5.0 for UV and a heat lamp and undertank heater if required.

Humidity: 60-80%

Food: Crickets, mealworms, occasional fruit such as strawberries and melons.

Minimum Cage Size: 40 gallon.

Habitat: They like to climb so provide lots of branches and a good basking spot, substrate should also be deep enough for them to completely bury themselves in.

Substrate: Mulch, bark, shavings, moss. It should be deep as they like to burrow.

Maintenance: Change the water and remove feces daily. A full cage cleaning should be done once a month.

Basic Requirements: Enclosure with a secure lid, heat lamp, undertank heater, basking rock, large water bowl, thermometer, hygrometer, spray bottle, UV light, substrate, ornament/vegetation/hides, vitamin/mineral supplements.