



Is My Leopard Gecko OK?

Most gecko health problems start with the tank, not the gecko. Check the temperatures before you worry about anything else.



- Lives 10–20 years
- 90° F warm / 75° F cool
- Live insects
- Calcium every feed

♥ This looks healthy

What a well leopard gecko looks like day to day.

- ✓ Clear, bright eyes
- ✓ Active, with the belly held off the floor (except when resting)
- ✓ A thick, fat tail — that's where they store their food
- ✓ Droppings quite dry: a dark part and a white part
- ✓ Sheds in big pieces, and usually eats the old skin
- ✓ Eats well on feeding nights

☎ Tell a grown-up — call the vet

Any of these means a reptile or exotic vet should take a look.

- ! Stuck shed anywhere — especially around the toes or the eyes
- ! Refusing food
- ! Tail or belly looking thin or sunken
- ! Droppings that look wrong, or constipation, together with weight loss
- ! Cloudy eyes, like dirty glasses
- ! Temperatures out of range at either end of the tank

Never pull stuck skin off — it can tear the new skin underneath. Ask a reptile vet instead.

🚨 Go now — this is an emergency

- ◆ Stuck shed on the toes — it can cut off the blood supply and cost them their toes
- ◆ Muscle twitching, swollen legs, bendy bones, or a jaw, spine or tail that looks deformed — this is metabolic bone disease and needs urgent vet advice
- ◆ Not eating at all, with weight loss

🔍 Before you call: write this down for the vet

- What did you notice?
- When did it start?
- Eating normally?
- Drinking normally?
- Poop and pee normal?
- Anything else different?

☎ Put your vet's number here before you need it

- Our vet Phone
- Emergency vet Phone

☠ If your pet has eaten something they shouldn't have, a grown-up can call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center on (888) 426-4435, any hour of any day. A consultation fee may apply.