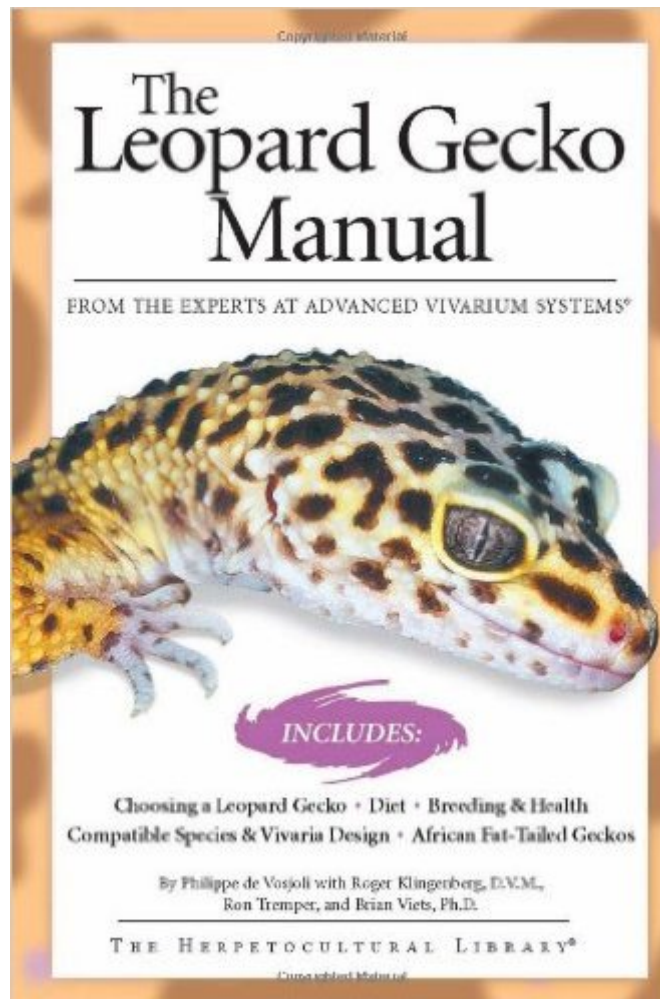


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The Leopard Gecko Manual: From The Experts At Advanced Vivarium Systems



Synopsis

Considered by author Philippe de Vosjoli as "the first domesticated species of lizard," the leopard gecko has fast become "the reptilian version of the parakeet or goldfish." Leopard Geckos takes a close look at the characteristics of this species that have made these attractive lizards so amazingly popular in the pet world. As a hardy, easy care, and potentially long-lived lizard, the leopard gecko is the perfect size, attractive in its velvety skin, and fairly easy to breed. The subject of breeding geckos is covered in multiple chapters in this book led by author and herp expert de Vosjoli, who is joined by gecko specialists Dr. Roger Klingenberg, Ron Tremper, and Dr. Brian Viets, who each contribute special chapters to this up-to-date and authoritative guide. Colorfully illustrated, Leopard Geckos provides excellent general guidelines for keepers who wish to add a gecko to their vivarium and maintain their pet in excellent health and condition. The authors provide an introduction to gecko characteristics including distribution, size, longevity, and growth rate, to help beginners better understand the anatomy and behavior of these fascinating lizards. This Advanced Vivarium Systems title includes information about selecting a healthy leopard gecko, handling, housing needs, water and feeding requirements, and shedding and tail loss. Dr. Klingenberg provides the chapter "The Recognition and Treatment of Disease," which covers specific disorders keepers should be aware of. De Vosjoli begins the discussion on breeding leopard geckos, and then is joined by Dr. Viets for a chapter on "Incubation Temperature and Hatchling Sex and Pigmentation." Tremper's chapter on "Color and Pattern Variations" focuses on the genetic aspects of breeding leopard geckos. The book also discusses the African fat-tailed gecko plus other eublepharids, including the African clawed gecko, Japanese leopard gecko, Malaysian cat gecko, and the Central American banded gecko.

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Customer Reviews

As a self-taught gecko-keeper, over the past years I have a number of times wished I had had to hand a book such as this for all my different species of charges. While it is both interesting and informative on the background and origin of these creatures, more importantly it is remarkably focussed on the must-knows of keeping leopard geckos safely and healthily and deals with essentials from diet to breeding. The author should be commended for his close attention to detail. I truly believe that ownership of this book shall increase the chance of more of these beautiful creatures living to full term in captivity rather than dying suddenly and without explanation in the night.

The top gecko people in the country collaborated to write this book, and the information is extensive, but simple to understand. It goes beyond the beginner's how to set up a tank and feeding, and gets into breeding for different colors and all the different 'morphs' that have been created so far, with many good pictures. It is the most up-to-date so far in terms of new morphs (colors). After reading it the first time, I like to keep looking through it just for the pictures and to re-read the information on genetics 101. Besides being great little pets who will sit on your shoulder, Leopard Geckos are a popular classroom tool for teaching genetics at high school and college level, and I recommend this book for teachers and students. Most other Gecko books you pick up at the Pet Shop are not worth keeping. BTW- Co-author and top breeder Ron Tremper is coming out with a more in-depth book soon (Summer 2005) for advanced breeding information and ideas. It will be the first of this type written on Leopard Geckos.

This is a wonderful and informative book for both the Leopard Gecko beginner and expert breeder. It covers the basics of Leopard and Fat Tailed Gecko care, terrarium setup, health, feeding, and breeding. It has glorious pictures of Leopard and Fat Tailed Geckos, plus some other species as well. In addition this book has an expanded section on breeding, the effects of incubation temperature on the sex ratio of the hatchlings as well as the effects of incubation temperature on the coloration of your Geckos. If you're going to buy one book on the care of Leopard and Fat Tailed Geckos, this one is by far my favorite!

This is a very informative book and should be required reading prior to purchasing a gecko. The authors have covered topics on: selection, housing, feeding, breeding & raising geckos, and problems and diseases that an owner may encounter. The gecko photographs in this book are excellent. If you only read one book on this subject this would be your best overall choice.

In terms of printed text on Leopard Geckos, this book sets the standard. The information is brief and comprehensive. It's a must own for Leo keepers. I spend a lot of my time giving advice to people about these guys and the first thing I always tell new owners is: Get the Leopard Gecko Manual, read it cover to cover.

This Book is all you need to owning and maintaining a Leopard Gecko or a African Fat-Tailed Gecko. It Explains everything from obtaining a Leopard Gecko, the setup of the cage, feeding, breeding, and even Many explanations of some problems (AKA diseases and parasites) and how to solve them. This is a Great Book to read if you are at all interested in owning one of these beautiful creatures as well as a Great book to have around as a reference. My Two new Hatchling Leos can rest assured they will get the love and care they need now that I own this book :) In Other words, no other book compares.

If you are a beginner owner like myself, then this book is all you need to get started and become experienced. All necessary topics are covered and there are numerous contributors to this books chapters which makes it an excellent and diverse read. I have not read other leopard gecko books but see little point at this time. Hard to go wrong with this.

If you're looking for a how to care for manual for you leopard gecko, I would not recommend this book. The bulk of this book is about breeding geckos. So, if breeding geckos is what you're doing then this book is probably for you, but other than that most of the other facts in this book can be found from browsing gecko sites on the internet. This book didn't tell me anything than what I had already read online.

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