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**Common Name:** Golden Gecko

**Latin Name:** *Gekko ulikovskii*

**Native To:** The warm rainforests of Vietnam.

**Size Range:** Males grow to around 7", while females stay smaller at around 5" to 6".

**Temperament:** These geckos do not like to be handled. They are somewhat hyper and can stress easily. They can and will bite when bothered.

## **Housing Requirements:**

**Enclosure:** A single gecko can be housed in a 10-gallon aquarium. Provide hiding spots, climbing branches and vines within the tank. A secure lid is necessary.

**Temperature:** Range between 78-85 degrees F.

**Heat/Light:** They do not need a UV light, but do need a nocturnal heat lamp to provide necessary heat. An under-the-tank heater can also be used to supplement heat if needed.

**Substrate:** A substrate such as Bed-A-Beast™ or any other lizard bedding can be used. Moss also helps keep the humidity inside the cage, and provides more cover for the geckos. Try to avoid substrates such as reptile carpet or Repti-bark™.

**Environment:** These geckos need a warm and humid environment. The cage needs to be misted at least twice a day and the geckos themselves should be misted. A large water dish is also helpful with humidity, even though very few geckos will drink directly from the dish.

**Diet:** A varied diet of crickets, mealworms, waxworms and super worms works best for these geckos. Make sure to gut load the insects and dust calcium/vitamin powder once a week. Make sure no uneaten crickets remain in the cage, as crickets tend to bite at the limbs of the geckos and may injure them.

**Maintenance:** Dead crickets and fecal material should be cleaned out regularly and the water bowl should be kept clean. Handlers should be sure to thoroughly wash hands after handling animals or animal related materials.