



# Chamaeleo calypttratus calypttratus Veiled (or Yemen) Chameleon

## Chameleon Academy Care Summary

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Male



Female



Juvenile

### Cage Size

Minimum	2' x 2' x 4' or 36" x 18" x 36"
Ideal	4' x 2' x 4' or Greater

One chameleon per cage

"Forest Edge" Style

Live plants

MUST have suitable perching branches behind plants where chameleon can hide entire body from your view and block UVB light from above



For a detailed explanation of each section of this Care Summary, and even more information about Veiled Chameleons, you can scan this QR code to be taken directly to the webpage.





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### Temperature

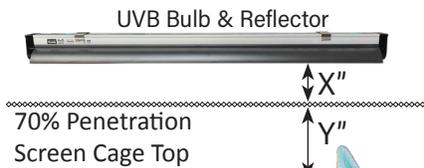
DayTime	72 -78°F / 22-25°C
NightTime	55-65°F /13-18°C
Basking	85°F /29°C

### Humidity

DayTime	40% - 50% RH <sup>1</sup>
NightTime	80% to 100% RH <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ensure that branches and surfaces dry daily  
<sup>2</sup>Provide air movement to avoid stagnant air

### UVB

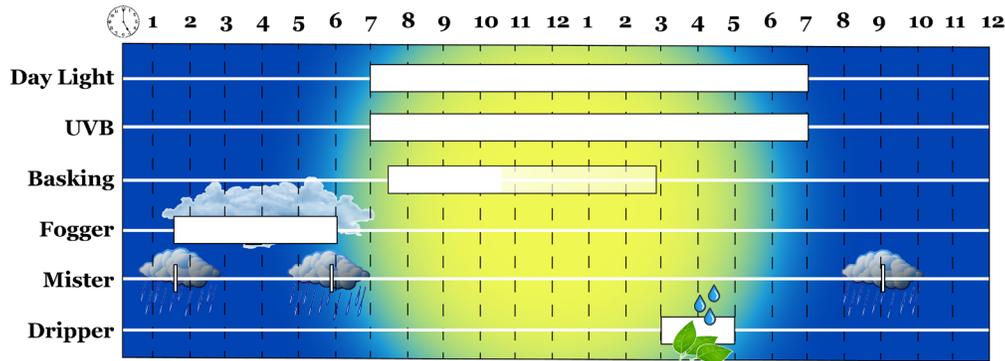


Target Basking UVB = UVI 3  
Target Cage Top UVB = UVI 7.4

Technology	Bulb Strength	X	Y
T5 HO Linear	5.0 or 6%	2"	4"
T5 HO Linear	10.0 or 12%	6"	6"

- X" + Y" distance is from UVB bulb to back of chameleon through a 70% penetration screen top panel of the cage.
- X" + Y" distance is average compromise over bulb lifetime. Use Solarmeter 6.5 for exact measurements.
- Bulb must have a dedicated reflector.

### Hydration & Lighting



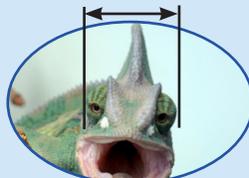
Mister cycles are 1-2 minutes in length

### Feeding

Age	Frequency	Quantity
Growing or Gravid	Every day	No Limit
Adult	Every other day	3-5 Feeders

- One Feeder Unit = one "Safe Size" cricket
- Add feeder variety at equivalent volume
- Ex: if "safe size" cricket = 1/2" then 1 feeder unit = 1/2" cricket or 4\* 1/4" Crickets or 20 fruit flies

Safe cricket size





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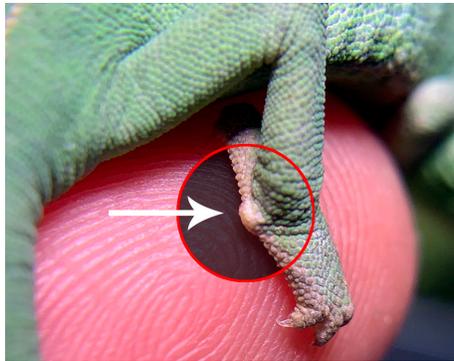
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### Chameleon Academy Breeding Summary

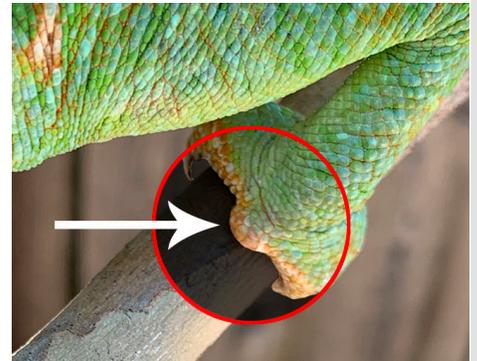
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Male/Female Comparison



Hatchling Male Hind Spur



Adult Male Hind Spur



Gravid Female Coloration



Hatchling Female Hind Foot



Adult Female Hind Foot

### Breeding Stats

Sexual Maturity	5 Months <sup>1</sup>
Reproduction	Egg Laying
Clutch Size	20-100 <sup>2</sup>
Gestation	1 month
Incubation Temp	76°F / 24°C
Incubation Time	6-12 Months

<sup>1</sup> Wait until 8+ months to breed

<sup>2</sup> <30 eggs is healthy. 30+ eggs is a result of overheating/overfeeding

- Females prone to egg-binding due to overfeeding
- Egg-binding (dystocia) from excessive clutch size and swollen fat pads
- Observe feeding frequency and basking temperatures before mating to maintain healthy size

### Laying Bin

Substrate:

- 50% organic soil
- 50% playsand

Soil Depth: 4" - 5"

**Visual privacy during laying!**

**Consult website for breeding details**

*Optional: sprinkle sand on surface so disruption shows laying spot.*

*Optional: tape black trash bag to clear bin for laying.*



*Remove bag to see egg location.*

*Optional: root ball*



### Baby Raising

- Raise in smallest groups possible
- Individual raising is ideal
- Heavily planted
- Feed as much as babies will eat
- Beware of excessive heat/UVB

**Consult website for hatchling care**





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## Chameleon Academy Medical Summary

**High level ID only. Consult with veterinarian for care.**

### **Metabolic Bone Disorder (MBD)**

**Description:** Improper body growth and function due to calcium deficiency.

**Symptoms:** Bowed legs, unable to hold body up, weakened bone structures, curved elbows, misaligned jaws, sunken casque

**Treatment:** Correct husbandry. Vet care to rehabilitate damage

**Prevention:** Proper calcium intake and UVB lighting (or Vit D3)



### **Burns**

**Description:** Caused by excessive heat from basking bulb

**Symptoms:** gray scarring, black areas, open sores

**Treatment:** lower basking temperature. Vet care to rehabilitate damaged areas

**Prevention:** Measure basking temperature at back level and do not let it get above recommended basking temperature.



### **Obesity**

**Description:** excessive fat on body which can lead to unhealthy body and egg binding (Dystocia)

**Symptoms:** overall rotund appearance, swollen casque, clutches of over 30 eggs

**Treatment:** reduce food intake.

**Prevention:** 3-4 food items every other day except baby or gravid females.



### **Dystocia (Egg Binding)**

**Description:** Female is unable to lay developed eggs inside her.

**Symptoms:** female showing distress during egg laying

**Treatment:** Vet care necessary to spay female

**Prevention:** 3-4 food items every other day except when females are actively gravid.



### **Closed Eyes/Internal Distress**

**Description:** When chameleons have internal distress they close their eyes.

**Symptoms:** Eyes are closed or sunken in during the day

**Treatment:** Consult vet for accurate diagnosis.

**Prevention:** Proper husbandry and fecal check for parasites





# Chameleon Academy

## How To Use Care Sheets

### *Care sheets are just starting points*

A care sheet represents the ideal conditions, as we currently understand them, that have worked for the widest number of that chameleon species. This is an average. Your chameleon is an individual in your unique environmental conditions. Therefore, it should be no surprise if something needs to be adjusted as you observe your chameleon's behavior. Does he want the basking bulb on for longer? Does he need more hydration? Use this care sheet only to establish your initial parameters, but then **listen to what your chameleon is telling you!** These parameters are meant to get you started, not to lock you in to certain numbers. Your chameleon is the expert in what chameleons need! But make sure you fully understand the situation before changing the parameter. This is where constant study of chameleon language is imperative for successful long term chameleon keeping.

### *Further Research Opportunities*

Each Chameleon Academy care summary has a website link that will take you to a deeper discussion regarding each parameter. This is the first step to deeper understanding of the parameters. The rest of the website will then provide more context. The Chameleon Academy outreach includes the **Chameleon Academy Podcast** with over 250 episodes interviewing the top keepers, breeders, veterinarians, and scientists in the world. This podcast is available on any major podcast playing app, a dedicated free Chameleon Academy iTunes/Google Play app, and on the <https://ChameleonAcademy.com> website. You may also consult the **Chameleon Academy YouTube channel** for video tutorials.

### *Breeders, Influencers, and Groups*

These care summaries are meant for community use. You are welcome to use these care summaries, unaltered, on your websites, Facebook groups, or any other application which calls for chameleon care information. If you use Chameleon Academy care information then you may refer any questions you may get about the parameters listed here to me. If the question is not answered in my website details then I will answer it personally.

### *Conflicting Husbandry Advice*

There are diverse experiences in the community and each person can speak only to what they know. Therefore, you will find conflicting advice throughout the community. Your best approach to dealing with these differences is to do your research into the person you trust the most or is directly involved with helping you. The most obvious choice is to follow the advice of the breeder who is helping you with your first chameleon. Do not worry if other people (or even I) say differently. Follow your chosen person until you are comfortable enough with chameleon keeping that you can decide on a different approach.