

# Jackson's Chameleon - cbb



## Care Sheets

Item code: 1407

**Scientific Name:** Chamaeleo jacksonii

**Native to:** Kenya, have been introduced to Hawaii

**Maximum Length:** 9-13 inches

**Life Span:** Up to 10 years with proper care



### General Information

Jackson's chameleons are one of the most prehistoric-looking reptiles. Male Jackson's have three horns and females do not have any horns. Jackson's chameleons, like other chameleons, are able to look in two different directions at the same time and change color depending on their mood. Jackson's chameleons use their long sticky tongue to catch prey. Their unique fused fingers enable them to gain a strong hold on branches. These reptiles are more for watching. Most chameleons do not like to be handled.

### General Care

**Enclosure:** For a pair of Jackson's use a 15 gallon enclosure that is well ventilated. Screen terrariums work the best. The larger the enclosure the better. Jackson's chameleons love to climb, so provide sturdy, secure branches as well as live and/or silk plants. Make sure your branches are horizontal in the top half of the enclosure, and that there is a basking branch near the basking bulb.

**Substrate:** Jackson's spend most of their time on branches so the substrate isn't as important. Use sphagnum moss and mulch-type substrates.

**Habitat:** Provide lots of branches for your Jackson's chameleon. Live/silk plants can also be used to decorate the enclosure.

**Temperature:** Jackson's chameleons should be kept in a cool and damp enclosure. Keep the temperatures about 70-80° F and humidity around 50-70% Daily misting will help keep the cage at the proper humidity.

**Lighting:** Provide 8-10 hours of UVB/UBA lighting. The light source should be close to the basking area. Jackson's also like natural sunlight. If exposing them to natural sunlight, make sure you have a shady area for the chameleon to go.

**Food and Water:** Jackson's chameleons eat crickets, cockroaches, wax worm, flies and king mealworms. Lightly dust the food with vitamins each feeding. Feed your Jackson every other day. Jacksons get tired of eating the same food every other day so give them a variety of different insects. Provide water through a drip watering system or by misting the cage. Let the water drip down on the plants.