

# Veiled Chameleon - cbb



## Care Sheets

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**Scientific Name:** Chameleo calyptratus

**Native to:** Humid mountain sides and valleys in Yemen and southern Saudi Arabia.

**Average Length:** 6-12 inches long

**Life Span:** Up to 5+ years with proper care



Baby Veiled Chameleon



Adult Veiled Chameleon

### General Information

Veiled chameleons are one of the most popular chameleon species. They are very unique. Veiled chameleons are able to look in any direction without turning their heads or shifting their body because each eye can swivel nearly 180 degrees. Their eyes can also point in two different directions at the same time. Veiled chameleons are sensitive animals and are not a pet that tolerates handling well.

### General Care

**Enclosure:** Provide a spacious screened enclosure for your veiled chameleon. An adult male should be housed in a cage that is 36 inches long by 36 inches wide by 48 inches tall. Females and young males can be kept in smaller enclosures. The more room you provide will be better for your veiled chameleon. Do not house more than one chameleon together. Chameleons are very territorial and stress easily.

**Substrate:** No specific substrate is needed.

**Habitat:** Provide branches and plants for the veiled chameleon to climb on. Create a dense area of non-toxic plants on one side for hiding. On the other side create a more open exposed area of branches for basking.

**Temperature:** Keep the enclosure 100° F on the warmer end and 70° F the cool end. Use an incandescent light or ceramic heater as primary heat source.

**Lighting:** Provide 10-12 hours of UVB rays and a ceramic heater for basking area all day and night.

**Food and Water:** Feed babies a few times a day and adults every other day. Veiled chameleons eat a variety of live insects, including recently fed crickets, mealworms and waxworms. Dust the insects daily with pure calcium supplement. Once or twice a week dust insects with a vitamin/mineral supplement. Also feed your veiled chameleon collard greens, pothos and ficus leaves. Veiled chameleons prefer to eat insects that are small. It is better to offer them multiple meals of small crickets/mealworms than feed them one meal of large insects. They will not usually drink from water bowls. It is best to mist their enclosure 1-3 times a day to allow the chameleon to drink moisture off the leaves and branches.