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ZONE 3
UVI 2.9 - 7.4

Vietnamese Calotes

Calotes versicolor



Distribution

Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia, Pacific Islands



Adult Size

17-25cm
(7-10 inches)



Life Span

8-10 years



Experience

Moderate



Handling

Will tolerate
some handling



Natural habitat

Vietnamese Calotes are an arboreal lizard found mainly in gardens and forests.

Housing

Vietnamese Calotes do best within a glass enclosure with adequate ventilation, this will make it easier to control the crucial temperatures and air flow required inside the habitat. The minimum enclosure size would be 60 x 60 x 90cm (24 x 24 x 36 inches) for a single adult. If you can provide a larger enclosure, then this will benefit your animal.



Heating

Vietnamese Calotes will need a constant temperature range of 18-29°C (65-85°F)



Basking spot maximum	Ambient daytime range	Ambient night-time range
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29°C (85°F)

25-27°C (78-82°F)

18-22°C (65-73°F)

The basking and ambient temperatures are easily achieved using Reptile Systems Basking Spot Lamps or Reptile Systems Ceramic Heat Emitter in combination with a Reptile Systems Clamp lamp.

If additional night-time heat is needed this can be achieved using a Reptile Systems Heat Mat or Reptile Systems Heat Cable

Always ensure that heating products are run through a suitable dimming thermostat and ensure they correctly caged off so that your animal can not burn itself.

Lighting

Vietnamese Calotes are within Zone 3 in the Ferguson scale they require a UVI of 1-7.4. The ideal photo period would be 12 hours with all the lights on and 12 hours with all the lights off.

The recommended UVI range can easily be achieved using Reptile Systems Zone 3 T5 / T8 lamps, Reptile Systems 3U 6% compact lamp, or a Zone 3 Eco Unit.



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Substrate

A wide range of substrates can be used but for a naturalistic enclosure a mix of soil with the addition of orchid bark / cypress mulch, leaf litter and moss to add interest and textures for your animal.

Water / humidity

Vietnamese Calotes should be provided with fresh water daily, in a small bowl. It is also important to mist the enclosure daily as Vietnamese Calotes require an ambient humidity of 70-95%. Adding Live plants to an enclosure is a great way to help maintain humidity.



Diet / Nutrition

Vietnamese Calotes are insectivores you should offer a wide variety of insects the diet can include crickets, cockroaches, locusts, silkworm, calciworm, mealworm as well as a variety of other life foods that are commercially available; it is important to remember to gut load your insects prior to feeding and this can be easily achieved using Reptile Systems Insect Food.

Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra should be used 3 times a week as a dust on either vegetation or insects and Reptile Systems Vit-a-min should be used twice a week as a dust on vegetation or insects (as a guide for adult animals).



Handling

Vietnamese Calotes can be handled with some care the temperament of each animal can vary so you will have to use your own judgment as to how much handling, if any, your individual pet will tolerate. With any new reptile it is suggested that a 2 week settling in period is given in which handling does not take place. Handling should be limited to 20-30 minutes at a time, so your animal does not get too cold.



Suggested Reptile Systems Products

Black Clamp Lamp

Multi directional ceramic lamp fitting with reflector.

Basking Halo Spot

Provides UVA and heat.

Zone 3 T5 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

Zone 3 T8 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

Zone 3 Eco Unit

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, reliable electronic controller, and reflector kit.

T8 Electronic Controller

Flicker free ballast unit for T8 lamps.

Proten New Dawn LED

LED light source to support live plants.

Ceramic Heat Emitter

Perfect from creating ambient heat with no light.

Reptile Systems 3U 6% compact Lamp

Reptile Systems Heat Mat

Reptile Systems Heat Cable

Reptile Systems on / off Thermostat

Reptile Systems Insect Food

Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra

Reptile Systems Vit-A-Min

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