

Stig



Species

Leopard gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*)

Habitat

Rocky, dry grassland and desert regions of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Iran.

Care

Stig lives in a 2.5 ft long vivarium with décor to mimic his natural environment, this includes hides, logs, wooden bridges and a dig box. There is a heat mat on the side of his viv to create the right temperature gradient and he has a UVB light during the daytime. At night, he has a moon lamp to help him hunt.

Food

Stig eats insects. His favourites are mealworms and crickets. These are sprinkled with calcium and vitamins to keep him healthy.

Characteristics

Stig has the colouring of a leopard with a cream background and black spots. He's got a gorgeous fat tail. He is nocturnal.

Why we love Stig

Stig loves to play hide and seek. He will squeeze himself into a tight space under a log and then pop his head up to say hello when Clare opens his viv.

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Stig's story



Named after Stig of the Dump from the classic children's book, Stig is a stunning leopard gecko. His tail is fat and full and he has beautiful spots all over his body.

Stig was rehomed with Clare in July 2018 after his previous owner was no longer able to look after him. He is about 6.5 years old, which is fairly old for a leopard gecko. On average, leopard geckos live between 6-10 years. But many males live up to 20 years. We hope Stig is one of those.

Stig is a good eater though he's not a great hunter and usually needs a little help to catch his food. This is a brilliant bonding opportunity, and Clare and Stig have lots of fun 'hunting' his dinner together.

Stig is very friendly and enjoys being handled. He will come to the front of his vivarium and let Clare know when he wants to come out and play. Then he'll happily chill out on her arm or stroll from hand to hand.

Like all geckos, Stig will eat his old skin after he sheds. This happens around once a month. The old skin is full of nutrients, which he can use to grow new skin. After a shed, Stig's skin is brighter and more beautiful than ever.

