# Congratulations on the purchase of **Zoo Med's Chameleon Kit!** This kit provides the essential components for successfully keeping a small to medium sized pet chameleon. If you have any questions regarding this kit or the proper use of its components, please contact our Customer Service Department at zoomed@zoomed.com or by calling (888) 496-6633 (US and Canada only). Customers in other countries, please call (805) 542-9988.

**INSTRUCTIONS** 

#### THIS KIT INCLUDES:







ITEM# CC-5



ITEM# BU-52



J-52 ITEM# BU-22



ITEM# LF-30



ITEM# TH-24



REPTI CALCIUM SAMPLE



ITEM# NT-11CK

REPTIVITE SAMPLE

#### **SETTING UP YOUR NEW CHAMELEON STARTER KIT:**

Before you begin, make sure you have all of the components of the kit. If anything is missing, contact Zoo Med Customer Service.

### STEP 1:



Build your new
ReptiBreeze™, Open
Air Aluminum Screen
Cage by following
the included
instructions. Visit our
YouTube channel at
www.youtube.com/user/zoomedlabs
to watch an instructional video
on how to build your new
ReptiBreeze™ cage.

### STEP 2:



Add Furnishings. Add the Repti Cage Carpet, Naturalistic Vine, and Natural Bush Plant. Both pieces of carpet should be used to cover the bottom of the habitat.

# STEP 3:



Install Daylight Blue Heat Lamp and ReptiSun® 5.0 UVB lamp into the Mini Combo Deep Dome Lamp Fixture. Place the Tropical Lighting Kit with UVB on top of the screen cage and plug it in.

## STEP 4:

**REPTISAFE** 

**SAMPLE** 



Install the Digital Terrarium
Thermometer. Place the probe in
the middle of the terrarium and
leave the digital read-out outside.

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#### **BASIC CHAMELEON CARE AND HELPFUL HINTS:**

CAGE: A screen cage is recommended for most chameleon species to ensure proper ventilation and promote good air quality.

**FURNISHINGS:** Provide plenty of branches and foliage for climbing and hiding. Artificial or live plants may be used. Be sure that all live plants are non-toxic and free of pesticides, herbicides and other harmful chemicals.

**HEAT:** Many chameleon species will need to be kept warm. Proper terrarium temperatures will depend on the species being kept, so be sure to find a good book on your species for specific care information. Popular tropical species such as the Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*), should have a daytime temperature of 72-85° F. Many species can tolerate a night time temperature drop down to about 65°. A heat lamp, such as a Daylight Blue lamp is usually sufficient to maintain proper temperatures, but don't guess – use a thermometer to accurately monitor and adjust terrarium temperatures.

**UVB:** UVB lighting is essential to the health of pet chameleons. Without it they can develop Metabolic Bone Disease and other disorders. Use a UVB lamp such as a ReptiSun® 5.0 for 10-12 hours a day to provide UVB. This lamp should be turned off at night and should be replaced once every year.

**WATER AND HUMIDITY:** Chameleons prefer to drink water droplets from the foliage and usually will not drink from a dish. Regular daily misting is important for providing drinking water and helping to maintain beneficial humidity. Use Reptisafe® water conditioner to remove chlorine and chloramines and make tap water safe for reptiles.

**FOOD:** Most chameleons are highly insectivorous and will enjoy eating crickets and mealworms. Be sure to dust crickets with ReptiVite<sup>™</sup> and ReptiCalcium® as directed to help keep your chameleon healthy.

**HANDLING:** While some chameleons enjoy being held, handling can be stressful for others. When handling a chameleon, it is best to let it walk on to your hand and not to grab it. These animals may get startled easily, so be sure not to let them fall as they may become injured. Always wash your hands before and after handling your chameleon or any of its supplies!

#### ADDITIONAL ZOO MED PRODUCTS (Not Included):



NATURAL CORK ROUNDS ITEM#'S: CF9-S, CF9-M, CF9-L, CF9-X and CF9-J



REPTIRAIN
Automatic Misting Machine
ITEM# HM-10



REPTIFOGGER Terrarium Humidifier ITEM# RF-10



REPTICARE® TERRARIUM CONTROLLER Multi-plug Outlet with Timer ITEM# LT-12



PREMIUM SAND BLASTED GRAPEVINE ITEM#'S: PSG-M, PSG-L and PSG-S



NATURAL BUSH
PLASTIC PLANTS™
ITEM#'S BU-10 thru BU-39
One included but available in 3 sizes
and 10 leaf styles



THE BIG DRIPPER ITEM# BD-1 Simulates Natural Rainfall



THE LITTLE DRIPPER ITEM# LD-1 Simulates Natural Rainfall



**CORK BRANCH** 

ITEM# TA-17

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