Housing
A 10 gallon tank can house two geckos. Males are very territorial, and it’s best not to house more than one together. Decorate the habitat with branches and vines. Place plants (in their own containers) around the tank between the tree limbs and layer with moss for a more natural look. Live plants not only look good, but help raise the humidity inside the enclosure.

Heat & Lighting
The temperature gradient refers to the temperature range between the cold side and the hot side. The cold side should be around 75°F and the warm side should be 80°F during the day. During the night, the temperature gradient is 65 to 75°F. Since Mediterranean Geckos are nocturnal, they do not require UVB lighting. The light from the daytime heat lamp will be sufficient.

Diet & Water
The Gecko diet should be as close to their wild diet as possible. Feed small crickets and wild caught bugs. One method of collecting bugs involves using a fine mesh net and scooping the tops of the tall grass in an open field in the early morning. This is called field plankton and is a great way of collecting small to medium insects for your pet. If you intend to use wild caught insects, be very careful. Capture from a place where pesticides are not used. In our area, be especially careful of the mosquito truck that sprays during the summer. Even though the area may not be sprayed directly, insecticides will travel far and wide on a windy evening. Any amount of pesticides can cause illness and maybe even death. DO NOT feed lightning bugs - they are TOXIC to all nonnative reptiles. Also, since most brightly colored insects are toxic, avoid them as well.

In the wild, Geckos lick water off leaves and walls. Daily, spray warm water on the walls of the enclosure and the plants. Gecko can learn to drink from a shallow dish. You can hasten this process by setting up a dripper bottle to drip water into a bowl. It is the sight and sound of dripping water that attracts their attention. Change the water daily to prevent bacteria growth.

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