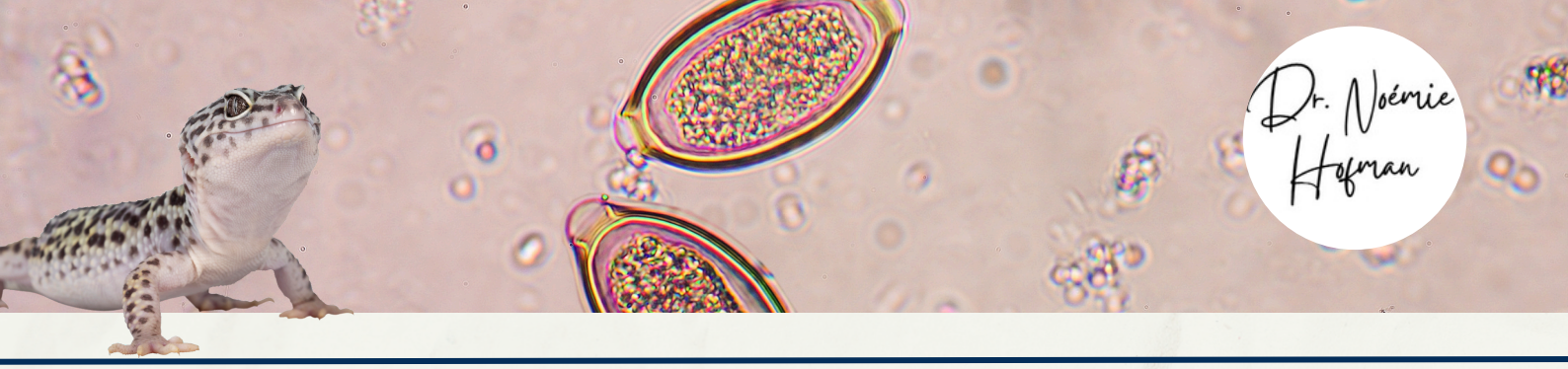


REPTILE PARASITE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

Over 80% of pet reptiles carry internal or external parasites at least once in their lifetime. Many never show visible signs until they are weak, thin, or refusing food. Preventing infection is easier, safer, and more affordable than treating it.

1- Veterinary screening

- Fecal exam frequency: Every 6–12 months, even for apparently healthy reptiles.
- New arrivals: Always quarantine for a minimum of 30 days before contact with other reptiles.
- Repeat testing: After any new enclosure setup, dietary change, or unexplained weight loss.
- Professional check: Only a veterinary laboratory can confirm if a reptile is parasite-free.

2- Hygiene and Enclosure Maintenance

- Remove feces and uneaten food daily.
- Disinfect all surfaces weekly with a reptile-safe disinfectant that targets protozoa and worm eggs.
- Rinse and dry all hides, dishes, and décor before returning them to the enclosure.
- Never use the same cleaning tools for multiple tanks.
- Wash hands before and after handling each reptile.

3- Feeding and Quarantine Practices

- Purchase feeder insects and frozen prey from reliable, disease-screened suppliers only.
- Avoid feeding wild-caught insects or rodents.
- Store feeder insects in clean, well-ventilated containers.
- Quarantine new reptiles and feeders separately for 30 days before introducing them to your collection.

4- Husbandry That Strengthens Immunity

- Maintain correct temperature and humidity for your species to support immune function.
- Ensure adequate UVB exposure and calcium balance.
- Reduce stress: provide hides, proper enclosure size, and minimal handling during adjustment periods.

5- Signs That Need a Vet Visit Immediately

- Gradual weight loss or visible spine/ribs
- Decreased appetite or refusal to eat
- Loose or foul-smelling droppings
- Mucus or blood in feces
- Lethargy, poor shedding, or uncoordinated movement

You can keep your reptile parasite-free only with consistent testing, clean husbandry, and expert guidance.
Hidden parasites can return even after treatment if the environment is not fully addressed.
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