



WHAT TO ASK THE BREEDER	CONSIDER
Ask for the exact chameleon species and local form.	Individual species have very different conditions to provide, as they originate from different regions and climates. Be sure you can provide the climate needed (especially night time drop).
Ask for good quality photos of the chameleon from all sides.	Do not accept excuses, blurry photos or "examples", insist on getting the exact animal shown on photographs.
Ask if the chameleon is male or female.	A female chameleon may lay eggs whether with a male or not, and will need a lay bin, which is exciting but risky for a newbie. A male is simpler in care.
Ask whether the chameleon is laying eggs or delivers living young.	Some chameleons give birth to live young, some lay eggs! You need to know exactly what your chameleon is like.
Ask about lineage.	The breeder should have photos of the sire and dam, to give an idea of what colors and patterns are in the genetics.
Ask if the chameleon is captive bred or wild caught (taken from its natural environment).	Abscond from buying an adult wild caught chameleon, as it may need to be treated for parasites, and may not transition well into captivity. Go for captive ones.
Ask to see photos of the cage where the chameleon is kept.	Do not accept excuses, every breeder has tons of photos of his enclosures, or he can easily make some. The equipment and look of them must be consistent with the science-based care sheets of Chameleon Care 101.
Show photos of your cage and ask for feedback.	You can judge the professionalism of the breeder based on the advice, which must be consistent with the science-based care sheets of Chameleon Care 101.
Ask which UV lamps and supplementation is being used, and compare to care sheets on Chameleon Care 101.	If the animals did not receive UV from a recommended source or sun or has been supplemented wrongly, go away.
Do not buy an egg to hatch at home!	Do not support this unethical, risky and fraudulent way of business with chameleons. Go for a healthy juvenile chameleon.

Take your time and seek advice of a specialist, approach the trained and certified team of

Chameleon Care 101 and her sister-groups, who will provide online assistance.

No rush! Do not accept being forced

to decide quickly, do not get

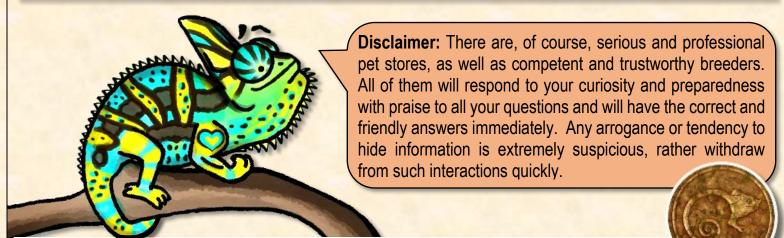
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IF YOU DECIDE TO GO VIA BREEDER OR ON THE REPTILE SHOW

RECOMMENDED

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What to look for
in a healthy
chameleon:

GOOD	BAD
Eyes open, clear and alert without swelling	Eyes closed, passive, swollen
Feet with nails intact and strong grip	Feet with missing nails, weak grip
Tail without kinks that wraps easily around a stick or finger	Tail with kinks or limp, not wrapping around anything, unfunctional
Skin that is elastic and free from injury	Skin warty or wrinkly, with injuries and discolorations
Legs with straight bones and no swelling around joints	Legs with U-shape with bent or broken bones, swollen joints
Mouth that closes completely, and when open, it has clear saliva and consistent color of jaws and gingivae	Mouth open, lots of saliva or not transparent ones or thick or sticky, discoloration of jaws and gingivae
Cloaca clean and fully closed	Cloaca dirty, partly opened with something stuck in it
Spine flexible and free from kinks	Spine kinky, with burns and injuries



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