



The Geico Gecko

Description

I'm amazed at how many geckos there are running around the park here at Whisper Creek Florida. I wanted to learn more about them, so I set up a luncheon meeting with the Geico Gecko to find out more about geckos and also to see how he is doing. He's been a little upset since the caveman ads on TV came back and he wanted to let us know how he felt about the situation. It was a little unsettling eating my hamburger and fries while he munched on cockroach, but hey, an interview is an interview.

"How are you doing?" I asked. "Is everything OK?"

"Well first of all, I don't know why they had to bring that damned caveman back." he replied. "Things were going fine. People loved me, insurance was selling. Also, just to let you know, I got paid in bugs. Sure, I love bugs, everyone knows that, but still, a little trip to Vegas would have sweetened the dealo."

He continued, with some anger in his voice. "Because of my warm and funny persona, Geico became the second largest auto insurer in the United States. We insure 24 million motor vehicles owned by more than 15 million policyholders. We'll insure pretty much everything including cars, homes and yes, even geckos."

"So tell me a little more about geckos," I asked. "They seem to be everywhere in Florida."



"Well first of all, I am a gold dust day gecko and am native to Madagascar but I do have my green card – so get off my back. And to be honest, I don't really have an Australian accent. We are ectothermic,

which means our body temp is dependent on the environment, so to do simple things like move, feed, reproduce we have to have a relatively warm environment. Florida is perfect,” he said. “Also” he added, “- and this part is so cool – we shed our skins every two to four weeks! And then you know what we do with it? We eat it. Yummy. Let me see some cave man do that!”

”As I mentioned, before we really enjoy eating insects we like them alive and running. We mostly like to feed at night. Nothing is better than a cricket with a little hollandaise sauce. Awww...I’m just kidding. Where are you going to get hollandaise sauce at 2 in the morning?”



”Another really neat thing about being a gecko is that we can walk up walls and even across ceilings. Let me see a caveman do that. He’s lucky if he can leave a few handprints on the 9cave wall!”

“I seem to see you little guys all over Whisper Creek. So how do you reproduce?” I wondered.

”If you ever see a small clutch of white eggs about the size of blueberries, that’s us! We’ll lay them anywhere, but we really like the quiet spaces under your sheds or campers and somewhere in your golf carts. If you see a male approaching a female with his head swaying and with a rapid tongue flicking the female, well let’s just say, he’s in the mood for love.”

Bringing the interview to an end he said, “This whole thing regarding the caveman has got me really upset. It’s affected my marriage. My doc says I am suffering from e-reptile dysfunction!”

MEET THE AUTHOR ??

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Greg's other passion is writing. He has published works in 10 national magazines and also authored workbooks employed in photography and marketing. Whisper Creeker News is both honored and excited for Greg to share his creative writing talents with us as well!

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