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LACÉRTIDOS

Dalmatian Wall Lizard

Podarcis melisellensis

Podarcis melisellensis is a small, compact, diurnal rock lizard from the coasts and islands of the Adriatic. It reaches 15-22 cm including the tail, has distinct pale stripes above the eyes, and the males occur with a yellow, orange or white belly and throat. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Familia: Lacertidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**15-22 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**5-10 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Rupícola y terrestre**
Hábitat	**Terreno rocoso y bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**22-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**40-45 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**14-18 °C**
Humedad	**40-60 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 3
Reposo invernal	**8-12 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentación	**Insectos y pequeños invertebrados (colémbolos, moscas de la fruta)**
Se mantiene	**En pareja o un macho con varias hembras**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-8 huevos**
Incubación	**35-45 días** a 26-28 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**No incluida**
Anexo de la UE	**No incluida**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Podarcis melisellensis*, so the figures for temperature, humidity, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from the related *Podarcis muralis* and *Podarcis siculus*, which have the same way of life and a similar climate.

TEMPERATURA

By day it should be 22-30 °C, and the basking spot should be 40-45 °C at the surface, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be moderate: 40-60% by day. The enclosure must be able to dry out completely, because stagnant, humid air causes skin problems and fungus. Provide a shallow, clean water dish.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Podarcis melisellensis is diurnal and lives in open, sunlit terrain, so the enclosure needs strong heat and UVB light. The species belongs to Ferguson zone 3, with a UV index of around 3-5 at the basking spot.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Podarcis melisellensis eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice. Mealworms and waxworms are given only in small amounts.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Podarcis melisellensis is fast and alert and flees when disturbed. Males are territorial, and two males of the same species together will fight, especially if one is orange.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Croacia, Eslovenia, Italia, Montenegro, Albania y Bosnia y Herzegovina.