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LACÉRTIDOS

Balkan Wall Lizard

Podarcis tauricus

Podarcis tauricus is a robust, diurnal, ground-dwelling lizard from south-eastern Europe and Asia Minor. It reaches 20-24 cm including the tail, is brown and green with two pale stripes along the side, and lives in open places with sand, grass and scattered vegetation. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Familia: Lacertidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**20-24 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**5-10 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**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**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-10 huevos**
Puestas por año	**2**
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 is known about the care of *Podarcis tauricus*, so the figures for care, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from *Podarcis muralis*.

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.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Podarcis tauricus 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 tauricus eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice, and mealworms and waxworms only in small amounts.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Podarcis tauricus is fast and alert, often basks in the open and flees when disturbed. Males form territories and defend them against other males, and two males together will fight.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Ucrania, Moldavia, Rumanía, Hungría, Macedonia del Norte, Bulgaria, Grecia, Albania y Turquía.