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SERPIENTES

Central Ratsnake

Pantherophis alleghaniensis

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is a large, agile, non-venomous rat snake from the eastern and central USA. Adults are black in the north and grey with dark blotches in the south, and they climb and swim well. It reaches 100-185 cm and needs a large enclosure with climbing opportunities. The species is hardy and feeds readily, but is more defensive than *Pantherophis guttatus*.

Familia: Colubridae Nombre anterior: *Elaphe alleghaniensis; Pantherophis spiloides; Elaphe obsoleta spiloides*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**100-185 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-20 años**
Activo	**De día y al crepúsculo**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y terrestre**
Hábitat	**Bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**22-25 °C**
Punto caliente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**50-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 2
Reposo invernal	**10-15 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**5-27 huevos**
Incubación	**65-70 días** a 27-28 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

An adult *Pantherophis alleghaniensis* needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and climbs, so height and climbing opportunities are important.

TEMPERATURA

There must be a distinct gradient, so that the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 29-32 °C, and the cool end 22-25 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be 50-70 %, lowest by day and highest at night. Mist as needed, and put moist sphagnum in the hide at the cool end.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is active by day and at dusk and needs a distinct day-night rhythm with strong daylight. The light is on for about 12 hours a day, controlled by a timer.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Pantherophis alleghaniensis eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Juveniles get mice, and in time they move on to rats. Quail eggs, quail chicks and small chicks give variety.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is shy and prefers to avoid conflict, but defends itself when startled.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Estados Unidos y Canadá.