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SERPIENTES

Aesculapian snake

Zamenis longissimus

Zamenis longissimus is a slender, non-venomous, diurnal ratsnake that reaches 110-160 cm and is one of the largest snakes in Europe. It is an excellent climber with a smooth, bronze-sheened back, lives in warm deciduous woodland and around old stone walls, and needs a cool winter rest to thrive. It is calm and trainable, but the winter rest makes it a snake for the somewhat experienced keeper.

Familia: Colubridae Nombre anterior: *Elaphe longissima*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**110-160 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**350-900 g**
Esperanza de vida	**15-25 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y terrestre**
Hábitat	**Terreno rocoso y bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 75 × 80 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**24-29 °C**
Punto caliente	**30-33 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**60-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Opcional**
Reposo invernal	**3-8 °C** 13-22 semanas
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**5-11 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1**
Incubación	**42-70 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 *Zamenis longissimus* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 75 × 80 cm (length × width × height). The species climbs a great deal, so height is just as important as floor area, and bigger is always better.

TEMPERATURA

There must be a clear temperature gradient. During the day in the active season the background temperature should be 24-29 °C, and under the heat source there should be a basking spot of 30-33 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be 60-70 %, with one corner of the substrate kept slightly damp, because the species comes from moderately moist woodland regions and not from a tropical climate.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Zamenis longissimus is diurnal and needs a clear day and night. The light is on for 12-14 hours a day in the active season, controlled by a timer, and is shortened before the winter rest. A night light is unnecessary.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Zamenis longissimus eats small mammals. In the wild 90 % of the prey is mammals, especially wood mice, mice and shrews, and the rest is mainly nestling birds and birds' eggs.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Zamenis longissimus is calm and curious and usually becomes tame with regular, gentle handling. It moves slowly and purposefully through the hands.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

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