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Common Barking Gecko

Ptenopus garrulus

A small, sand-coloured gecko from the Kalahari that lives in self-dug burrows in the sand and only comes out at sunset. The males sit at the burrow entrance and call with a sharp, barking sound that carries a long way. Little is known about the care of the species.

Famille: Gekkonidae Ancien nom: *Stenodactylus garrulus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**7-9 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**6-10 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Désert, semi-désert et savane**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**60 × 40 × 30 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
UVB	**Facultatifs** Zone de Ferguson 1
Repos hivernal	**18-21 °C** 6-8 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**1 œufs**
Incubation	**60-80 jours** à 28-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Ptenopus garrulus*. The advice is based on the species' way of life and on small desert geckos with the same way of life, *Stenodactylus sthenodactylus* and *Stenodactylus petrii*.

TEMPÉRATURE

Provide a gradient so the animal can choose for itself. By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and an area of about a third of the floor is heated to 32-35 °C. At night it should fall to 18-22 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Keep the air dry and well ventilated, at around 30-50% relative humidity. Mist lightly at one end of the enclosure, in the evening before the gecko comes out, so the animal can drink droplets and feel a little moisture.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is active at sunset and at night and spends the day buried, so UVB is not essential when the insects are dusted with calcium and vitamin D3.

ALIMENTATION

The gecko is an insectivore. In the wild it takes termites, ants and beetles, and it sits at the burrow entrance and hunts nearby. Small crickets and small roaches make a good staple.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The gecko is shy and spends most of its life in a burrow in the sand. Handle it only when it has to be moved, and never grab the tail. Take care, because the animal is small and fragile.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Botswana, Namibie et Afrique du Sud.