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LACERTIDÉS

Atlantic Lizard

Gallotia atlantica

Gallotia atlantica is a small, diurnal lizard from Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and the surrounding islets. Males grow up to 29 cm and have large blue spots on the flanks. The species is aggressive towards its own kind and is best kept as a pair in a dry, sunny enclosure with many hiding places and a cool winter rest. The young are delicate and are reared separately.

Famille: Lacertidae

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**20-29 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**5-10 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Rupicole et terrestre**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**80 × 40 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**25-31 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**35-45 °C**
Température, nuit	**15-21 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 3
Repos hivernal	**12-15 °C** 8-9 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes, fruits et plantes**
Détention	**En couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**1-5 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-3**
Incubation	**64-87 jours** à 28-31 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe III**
Annexe UE	**Annexe C**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Gallotia atlantica moves mostly on the ground, so floor area matters more than height. A pair needs an enclosure of at least 80 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPÉRATURE

The daytime temperature in the enclosure is 25-31 °C, and a spotlight above a flat stone gives a surface temperature of 35-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. At night the temperature drops to 15-21 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The enclosure is dry, with a humidity of around 30-50 %, and has no damp zones apart from the egg-laying container. Provide a shallow bowl of fresh water that is always full and changed regularly. Ventilation must be good.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Gallotia atlantica is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs strong light.

ALIMENTATION

Gallotia atlantica is omnivorous. Offer mostly insects: fly larvae, crickets, mealworms and zophobas, cockroaches and small grasshoppers, dusted with calcium.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Gallotia atlantica is shy and flees quickly when someone enters the room, and it should not be grabbed. The tail is shed under stress and grows back without new vertebrae. Males are fiercely territorial.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Espagne.