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ANGUIDÉS

Madrean Alligator Lizard

Elgaria kingii

Elgaria kingii is a robust, long-tailed alligator lizard from the south-western United States and north-western and western Mexico. It lives in desert, grassland, scrub and forest up to about 2,700 m and is active by day and at dusk. It lays eggs and needs a cool, dry to slightly moist enclosure with many hides and a cool winter rest. Its care is based on its close relatives.

Famille: Anguidae Ancien nom: *Gerrhonotus kingii*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**14 cm** longueur museau-cloaque
Espérance de vie	**15 ans**
Activité	**Le jour et au crépuscule**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**100 × 50 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**18-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-33 °C**
Température, nuit	**12-16 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Repos hivernal	**6-10 °C** 8-12 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**18 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**5-15 œufs**
Incubation	**50-55 jours** à 24-28 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

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LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about keeping *Elgaria kingii*. The care below is based on the climate of the range, the habitat and the size.

TEMPÉRATURE

The daytime temperature in the enclosure is 18-28 °C with a basking spot of 30-33 °C measured on the surface. A clear difference between the warm and the cool end is more important than high heat.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The humidity should be 40-60 %, highest in the moist zone and at night. The enclosure should have both a dry and a slightly moist side, so that the animal can choose.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal, so the enclosure needs a basking spot and UVB. A UVB tube of weak to moderate strength corresponding to Ferguson zone 2 over one half suits its way of life.

ALIMENTATION

The species mainly eats insects such as grasshoppers, caterpillars and moths, and it also takes scorpions. Movement triggers the capture. In the enclosure, feed crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, mealworms and snails.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The species hides under cover, but is also out in the open in the morning and evening. It is not an animal for handling. If it is grabbed, it bites hard and empties its bowels, and the tail is easily dropped.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

États-Unis et Mexique.