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SERPENTS

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*.

Famille: Colubridae Ancien nom: *Elaphe alleghaniensis; Pantherophis spiloides; Elaphe obsoleta spiloides*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**100-185 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**10-20 ans**
Activité	**Le jour et au crépuscule**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et terrestre**
Habitat	**Forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**22-25 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**29-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Repos hivernal	**10-15 °C** 8-12 semaines
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**5-27 œufs**
Incubation	**65-70 jours** à 27-28 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

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.

TEMPÉRATURE

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.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

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.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET 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.

ALIMENTATION

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.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

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

AIRE D'ORIGINE

États-Unis et Canada.