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CAMALEONTI

Common Chameleon

Chamaeleo chamaeleon

Chamaeleo chamaeleon is a medium-sized, tree-dwelling chameleon from the Mediterranean coast and the Middle East. It is the only chameleon that lives naturally in Europe. It is green to olive-brown with two pale longitudinal bands along the sides. The species is short-lived, and little is known about keeping it in captivity. It needs a tall mesh enclosure with UVB and low night temperatures and must live alone.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo parisiensium; Chamaeleo saharicus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**20-30 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**17-56 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**1-4 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**25-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**15-20 °C**
Umidità	**40-60%**
Acqua	**Nessuna ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**12 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**14-50 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1**
Incubazione	**240-360 giorni** a 26 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato A**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*, and it is rarely kept.
TEMPERATURA	The species comes from a climate with warm days and cool nights. During the day the temperature in the enclosure should be 25-30 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 32-35 °C.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Humidity should be 40-60 %, and the enclosure should dry out completely between waterings, because the species comes from a dry summer climate.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal makes D3 in its skin and needs it to absorb calcium.
ALIMENTAZIONE	The species is insectivorous and needs live insects: crickets, grasshoppers, silkworms, hornworms and roaches such as *Blaptica dubia*. In the wild the diet consists of flying and crawling insects, so variety is important.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*Chamaeleo chamaeleon* is an animal to look at and not to handle. The species sits still and lies in wait for prey. Handling stresses it, and stress shows as dark colour, an open mouth and an inflated body.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Marocco, Sahara occidentale, Algeria, Tunisia, Libia, Egitto, Israele, Territori palestinesi, Giordania, Libano, Siria, Iraq, Turchia, Cipro, Arabia Saudita, Yemen, Spagna, Portogallo e Grecia.