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CAMALEONTI

Namaqua Chameleon

Chamaeleo namaquensis

Chamaeleo namaquensis is a stocky, ground-dwelling chameleon from the deserts of south-western Africa. It hardly climbs at all, but runs fast over sand and gravel, buries itself and hunts actively. The animals are fiercely territorial and must live alone. Very little is known about their care, and the species is one of the most difficult chameleons to keep.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo capensis; Chamaeleo tuberculiferus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**20-25 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**25-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**15-20 °C**
Umidità	**30-50%**
Acqua	**Nessuna ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 4
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piante**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**5-7 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**6-22 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**2-3**
Incubazione	**90-120 giorni** a 25-28 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Very little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo namaquensis*, and the species is among the most difficult chameleons to keep.

TEMPERATURA

There are no documented captive figures for the species. The recommendations here are derived from the climate in the range: ground temperature in the wild is 27-35 °C, summer air up to 38 °C and summer nights about 10 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be low, 30-50 %, and the substrate should be dry. This is a desert climate, where the early morning air can reach about 50 % and where the animal gets moisture from fog and dew.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal and lives in open landscape with plenty of sun, so it needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Chamaeleo namaquensis eats mostly beetles, locusts and other arthropods, in the wild also lizards and snakes and a little plant material. The animal hunts all day and is very greedy.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Chamaeleo namaquensis is bold and does not back away from other animals or objects. It rests in the hottest hours of the day and then goes hunting again.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Namibia, Sudafrica e Angola.