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CAMALEONTI

Johnston's Chameleon

Trioceros johnstoni

Trioceros johnstoni is a medium-sized, egg-laying chameleon from the mountain forests of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and eastern Congo. The male has three horns, two above the eyes and one on the snout, and is green with turquoise or yellow crossbands; the female has no horns. The species needs a cool day, a clear drop in temperature at night, mist and high night-time humidity, and it is sensitive to excess vitamin supplements.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo johnstoni; Chamaeleo laevigularis*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**25-38 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**50-110 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**5-6 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta montana**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**20-24 °C**
Punto caldo	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**10-15 °C**
Umidità	**60-100%**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**10-12 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**8-18 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**100-120 giorni** a 18-21 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height). Males grow large and benefit from extra width. The size is the same as for other medium-sized montane chameleons of the genus *Trioceros*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 20-24 °C, never above room temperature for long periods, with a basking spot of 26-28 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Night is the species' humid time. Humidity should be 80-100 % at night and fall to 60-80 % by day.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal and needs strong light. Four T5 HO tubes of 6500 K across the width of the enclosure light up a 120 cm high enclosure well. Provide 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness all year round.

ALIMENTAZIONE

T. johnstoni is an insectivore and takes the usual feeder insects: crickets, grasshoppers, flies and roaches. Land snails are a particular favourite. The insects should themselves be fed a nutritious diet.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The species is kept individually. Males must never be able to see each other.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Uganda, Ruanda, Burundi e Congo - Kinshasa.