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GECHI

Common Barking Gecko

Ptenopus garrulus

A small, sand-coloured gecko from the Kalahari that lives in self-dug burrows in the sand and only comes out at sunset. The males sit at the burrow entrance and call with a sharp, barking sound that carries a long way. Little is known about the care of the species.

Famiglia: Gekkonidae Nome precedente: *Stenodactylus garrulus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**7-9 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**6-10 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Deserto, semideserto e savana**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 40 × 30 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**24-28 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**30-50%**
UVB	**Facoltativi** Zona Ferguson 1
Riposo invernale	**18-21 °C** 6-8 settimane
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**1 uova**
Incubazione	**60-80 giorni** a 28-30 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Non elencata**
Allegato UE	**Non elencata**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Ptenopus garrulus*. The advice is based on the species' way of life and on small desert geckos with the same way of life, *Stenodactylus sthenodactylus* and *Stenodactylus petrii*.

TEMPERATURA

Provide a gradient so the animal can choose for itself. By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and an area of about a third of the floor is heated to 32-35 °C. At night it should fall to 18-22 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Keep the air dry and well ventilated, at around 30-50% relative humidity. Mist lightly at one end of the enclosure, in the evening before the gecko comes out, so the animal can drink droplets and feel a little moisture.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is active at sunset and at night and spends the day buried, so UVB is not essential when the insects are dusted with calcium and vitamin D3.

ALIMENTAZIONE

The gecko is an insectivore. In the wild it takes termites, ants and beetles, and it sits at the burrow entrance and hunts nearby. Small crickets and small roaches make a good staple.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The gecko is shy and spends most of its life in a burrow in the sand. Handle it only when it has to be moved, and never grab the tail. Take care, because the animal is small and fragile.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Botswana, Namibia e Sudafrica.