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LACERTIDI

Gran Canaria Giant Lizard

Gallotia stehlini

Gallotia stehlini is one of the largest lizards in Europe and is endemic to Gran Canaria. It grows to 80 cm, the males have powerful jaws, and the diet is omnivorous with a lot of plant food. The animals are very aggressive towards each other and are best kept as a pair in a large, sunny enclosure with many hiding places.

Famiglia: Lacertidae Nome precedente: *Lacerta stehlini*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**50-80 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**10-15 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Rupicolo e terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**150 × 70 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**25-31 °C**
Punto caldo	**35-45 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**15-21 °C**
Umidità	**40-60%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 3
Riposo invernale	**12-15 °C** 8-9 settimane
Alimentazione	**Insetti, frutta e piante**
Detenzione	**In coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**4-16 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**65-86 giorni** a 28-32 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice III**
Allegato UE	**Allegato C**
IUCN	**In pericolo critico (CR)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Gallotia stehlini moves mostly on the ground and is large and active, so floor area matters more than height. A pair needs an enclosure of at least 150 × 70 × 60 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA

The daytime temperature is 25-31 °C, and a spotlight over a flat stone gives a surface temperature of 35-45 °C. At night the temperature falls to 15-21 °C, and night-time heating is not necessary.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

The humidity is 40-60 %. The enclosure is dry and well ventilated; only the laying box is kept constantly damp. Provide a shallow dish of fresh water, changed daily and available at all times.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Gallotia stehlini is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs strong light and UVB. Indoors, use a T5 tube for Ferguson zone 3 above the basking spot, and determine the distance with a UV meter.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Gallotia stehlini is omnivorous, and adults eat a lot of plant food.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Gallotia stehlini is wary, fast and powerful, and for the first few weeks the animal needs peace and many hiding places.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Spagna.