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LACERTIDI

## Dalmatian Wall Lizard

# *Podarcis melisellensis*

*Podarcis melisellensis* is a small, compact, diurnal rock lizard from the coasts and islands of the Adriatic. It reaches 15-22 cm including the tail, has distinct pale stripes above the eyes, and the males occur with a yellow, orange or white belly and throat. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Famiglia: Lacertidae

**DATI ESSENZIALI**

### L'ANIMALE

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| Dimensioni da adulto | **15-22 cm**<br>lunghezza totale inclusa la coda |
| Aspettativa di vita | **5-10 anni** |
| Attività | **Di giorno** |
| Stile di vita | **Rupicolo e terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Terreno roccioso e bosco e prato temperati** |
| Difficoltà | **Intermedio** |

### CURA

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| Terrario min. | **100 × 50 × 50 cm**<br>L × P × H per 2 adulti |
| Temperatura, giorno | **22-30 °C** |
| Punto caldo | **40-45 °C** |
| Temperatura, notte | **14-18 °C** |
| Umidità | **40-60%** |
| Acqua | **Ciotola d'acqua** |
| UVB | **Consigliati**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Riposo invernale | **8-12 °C**<br>8-12 settimane |
| Alimentazione | **Insetti e piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)** |
| Detenzione | **In coppia o un maschio con più femmine** |

### RIPRODUZIONE

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| Riproduzione | **Ovipara** |
| Uova per deposizione | **2-8 uova** |
| Incubazione | **35-45 giorni**<br>a 26-28 °C |

### TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

## La cura in breve

**IL TERRARIO**

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Podarcis melisellensis*, so the figures for temperature, humidity, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from the related *Podarcis muralis* and *Podarcis siculus*, which have the same way of life and a similar climate.

**TEMPERATURA**

By day it should be 22-30 °C, and the basking spot should be 40-45 °C at the surface, measured with an infrared thermometer.

**UMIDITÀ E ACQUA**

Humidity should be moderate: 40-60% by day. The enclosure must be able to dry out completely, because stagnant, humid air causes skin problems and fungus. Provide a shallow, clean water dish.

**ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB**

*Podarcis melisellensis* is diurnal and lives in open, sunlit terrain, so the enclosure needs strong heat and UVB light. The species belongs to Ferguson zone 3, with a UV index of around 3-5 at the basking spot.

**ALIMENTAZIONE**

*Podarcis melisellensis* eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice. Mealworms and waxworms are given only in small amounts.

**COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE**

*Podarcis melisellensis* is fast and alert and flees when disturbed. Males are territorial, and two males of the same species together will fight, especially if one is orange.

**AREALE D'ORIGINE**

Croazia, Slovenia, Italia, Montenegro, Albania e Bosnia ed Erzegovina.