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LACERTIDI

Balkan Wall Lizard

Podarcis tauricus

Podarcis tauricus is a robust, diurnal, ground-dwelling lizard from south-eastern Europe and Asia Minor. It reaches 20-24 cm including the tail, is brown and green with two pale stripes along the side, and lives in open places with sand, grass and scattered vegetation. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Famiglia: Lacertidae

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**20-24 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**5-10 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Bosco e prato temperati**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** 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** Zona Ferguson 3
Riposo invernale	**8-12 °C** 8-12 settimane
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)**
Detenzione	**In coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**2-10 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**2**
Incubazione	**35-45 giorni** a 26-28 °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 *Podarcis tauricus*, so the figures for care, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from *Podarcis muralis*.
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.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*Podarcis tauricus* 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 tauricus* eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice, and mealworms and waxworms only in small amounts.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*Podarcis tauricus* is fast and alert, often basks in the open and flees when disturbed. Males form territories and defend them against other males, and two males together will fight.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Ucraina, Moldavia, Romania, Ungheria, Macedonia del Nord, Bulgaria, Grecia, Albania e Turchia.