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SERPENTI

Four-lined Ratsnake

Elaphe quatuorlineata

A powerful, calm ratsnake from Italy and the Balkans that as an adult carries four dark stripes along a yellowish-brown to greyish-brown body and reaches 150-200 cm. *Elaphe quatuorlineata* is among the largest snakes in Europe, climbs well and needs a large, tall, escape-proof enclosure and a cool winter rest in order to breed.

Famiglia: Colubridae Nome precedente: *Coluber quatuorlineatus; Elaphis quaterradiatus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**150-200 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-20 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno e al crepuscolo**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo e terrestre**
Habitat	**Terreno roccioso e bosco e prato temperati**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**24-28 °C**
Punto caldo	**30-33 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-24 °C**
Umidità	**40-60%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Facoltativi**
Riposo invernale	**10-12 °C** 12-16 settimane
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**4-18 uova**
Incubazione	**55-65 giorni** a 28-29 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Elaphe quatuorlineata is a large, climbing snake and needs a large, tall and well-ventilated enclosure. The minimum size for an adult is 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA

There must be a clear temperature gradient. The background temperature is 24-28 °C by day, and under the heat source there should be a basking spot of 30-33 °C, so the snake can warm up. At night 20-24 °C is maintained.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be moderate, about 40-60 %, in a well-ventilated enclosure. A precise figure has not been documented for the species, but in the wild it prefers warm, slightly humid places with shade.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Elaphe quatuorlineata is active by day and at dusk and needs a clear day and night, controlled by a timer. The light is gradually reduced in autumn and increased again in spring, so the animal gets a natural seasonal rhythm.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Elaphe quatuorlineata eats whole rodents, chicks and eggs and takes frozen and thawed prey without difficulty in captivity.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Elaphe quatuorlineata is calm, shy and tame and seldom bites. It is somewhat sluggish and a keen climber, and it is hardy and eats well in captivity.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Italia, Slovenia, Croazia, Bosnia ed Erzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia del Nord, Albania, Grecia e Bulgaria.