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Desert Kingsnake

Lampropeltis splendida

Lampropeltis splendida is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the desert regions of the south-western USA and northern Mexico, black or dark brown with yellow crossbands broken up into small spots. It reaches 90-115 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a floor-type enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Famiglia: Colubridae Nome precedente: *Lampropeltis getula splendida; Ophibolus splendidus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**90-115 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-25 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno e al crepuscolo**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Difficoltà	**Principiante**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**21-26 °C**
Punto caldo	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**40-60%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**5-12 uova**
Incubazione	**60-70 giorni** a 26-29 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	There is only a little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis splendida*.
TEMPERATURA	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a distinct gradient.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher at the cool end and at night and lower at the warm end, and that is normal.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	The species is active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. This fits Ferguson zone 2.
ALIMENTAZIONE	*L. splendida* is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*L. splendida* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and only start handling when it is feeding regularly.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Stati Uniti e Messico.