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SERPENTI

Central Ratsnake

Pantherophis alleghaniensis

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is a large, agile, non-venomous rat snake from the eastern and central USA. Adults are black in the north and grey with dark blotches in the south, and they climb and swim well. It reaches 100-185 cm and needs a large enclosure with climbing opportunities. The species is hardy and feeds readily, but is more defensive than *Pantherophis guttatus*.

Famiglia: Colubridae Nome precedente: *Elaphe alleghaniensis; Pantherophis spiloides; Elaphe obsoleta spiloides*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**100-185 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**10-20 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno e al crepuscolo**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo e terrestre**
Habitat	**Bosco e prato temperati**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**22-25 °C**
Punto caldo	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**50-70%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Riposo invernale	**10-15 °C** 8-12 settimane
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**5-27 uova**
Incubazione	**65-70 giorni** a 27-28 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

An adult *Pantherophis alleghaniensis* needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and climbs, so height and climbing opportunities are important.

TEMPERATURA

There must be a distinct gradient, so that the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 29-32 °C, and the cool end 22-25 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be 50-70 %, lowest by day and highest at night. Mist as needed, and put moist sphagnum in the hide at the cool end.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is active by day and at dusk and needs a distinct day-night rhythm with strong daylight. The light is on for about 12 hours a day, controlled by a timer.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Pantherophis alleghaniensis eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Juveniles get mice, and in time they move on to rats. Quail eggs, quail chicks and small chicks give variety.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is shy and prefers to avoid conflict, but defends itself when startled.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Stati Uniti e Canada.