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GEKKO'S

Leopard gecko

Eublepharis macularius

A calm, ground-dwelling gecko from the dry rocky and grassy areas of southern Asia, with true eyelids, a thick tail full of fat reserves and the spotted pattern to which the species name *macularius* refers. It is one of the most commonly kept reptiles in the world and an obvious first choice, provided it gets heat from below and a dry enclosure.

Familie: Eublepharidae Vroegere naam: *Cyrtodactylus macularius; Eublepharis fasciolatus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**17-25 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**45-80 g**
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-40%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**10-18 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**6-10**
Incubatie	**35-89 dagen** bij 26-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is always an advantage. *Eublepharis macularius* lives on the ground, so floor area matters far more than height.

TEMPERATUUR

Eublepharis macularius needs a temperature gradient, so that it can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 32-35 °C measured on the surface, and the air at the warm end 28-30 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should be low, around 30-40 %. The enclosure should not be misted daily, because constant moisture causes skin problems, fungus and respiratory infections.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Eublepharis macularius is active at dusk and at night and for many years was kept without UVB. Today, however, a weak UVB light is recommended, because it gives safer calcium metabolism and a more natural daily rhythm.

VOEDING

Eublepharis macularius lives entirely on live insects and other small animals. Good staples are crickets, dubia roaches, mealworms and silkworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Eublepharis macularius is calm and curious and can become very tame if handled gently. Lift it from the side with your hand under the body, never by the tail.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Afghanistan, Pakistan, India en Nepal.