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GEKKO'S

Smooth knob-tailed gecko

Nephrurus levis

Nephrurus levis is a plump, nocturnal desert gecko from inland Australia with a huge head, large eyes and a short tail ending in a small knob. It digs its own burrows in the sand, is placid, and does well in a sand-based enclosure with a warm end and a humid hide.

Familie: Carphodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Nephrurus laevis; Nephrurus platyurus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**9-12 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**50 × 30 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**6-9**
Incubatie	**65-80 dagen** bij 27-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult can be kept in an enclosure of at least 50 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height), but bigger is better, and floor area matters more than height. The species is best kept singly, because several animals together may fight.

TEMPERATUUR
The species needs a clear difference between a warm end and a cool end. Place a heat mat under one end, or use a low-output ceramic heater, so that the surface there reaches 30-32 °C. Keep the cool end at 21-25 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Although the species comes from dry regions, it cannot do without moisture, because the burrows underground are more humid than the air above.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is nocturnal and does not need bright light, and powerful spotlights stress it. Usually only heat is provided, and the daylight in the room sets the daily rhythm.

VOEDING
The gecko lives on insects and is not fussy. Offer crickets, dubia roaches and small locusts, and now and then waxworms or mealworms for variety. A meal is typically 4-5 insects smaller than the animal's head.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
The gecko is calm and placid, but shy when new. It becomes active after dark and spends most of the day in its hide.

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