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HAZELWORMACHTIGEN

Eastern Glass Lizard

Ophisaurus ventralis

Ophisaurus ventralis is a long, legless glass lizard from the coastal plains of the south-eastern USA. It grows to about 108 cm, more than two thirds of which is tail, and lives hidden in damp, sandy woodland and meadows. It resembles a snake. It needs a roomy enclosure with deep, diggable substrate, a warm spot and a varied diet of insects, snails and earthworms.

Familie: Anguidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**45-108 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**4-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-29 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-75%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**12-16 °C** 6-10 weken
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**5-17 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**50-65 dagen** bij 26-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Ophisaurus ventralis*, and the species is rarely kept. The figures are based on the species' habitat and on the other glass lizards in the genus, and the text states where they are estimates.
TEMPERATUUR	The daytime temperature must be 22-29 °C, with a basking spot of 30-32 °C measured on the surface with an IR thermometer and about 24 °C at the cool end.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The humidity must be 60-75 %. The species lives on damp, sandy ground, so part of the substrate must be slightly moist while the rest dries out, so that the animal can choose.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	In the wild the species basks and prefers partial shade. Provide a UVB tube in Ferguson zone 2 over the basking spot, so that the animal can choose to move into the light itself, and a UV index of 2-3 at the basking spot.
VOEDING	*Ophisaurus ventralis* is an opportunistic carnivore that mainly takes insects and other small animals, but also snails, earthworms, small snakes and eggs.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Ophisaurus ventralis* is calm but does not like being handled. When it is grabbed, it twists, may bite and sheds its tail easily, so never lift the animal by the tail.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten.