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KAMELEONS

Veiled Chameleon

Chamaeleo calyptratus

Chamaeleo calyptratus is a large, robust chameleon from the mountain valleys of the Arabian Peninsula, known for the tall, helmet-like casque on its head. It breeds readily, grows fast and is hardy for a chameleon. In return it requires a tall, airy enclosure, UVB, water as dew and drips, and a life alone. Males reach up to 61 cm, and life is short: females live about 5 years, males up to 8.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo calcaratus; Chamaeleo calcarifer*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**35-61 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**4-8 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**27-30 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**13-18 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**4-6 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**20-85 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**180-480 dagen** bij 25-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height). This is the smallest size that makes it possible to create a usable temperature gradient and climbing opportunities above one another.

TEMPERATUUR

The daytime temperature in the enclosure is 22-25 °C. This is an ordinary room temperature, and a mesh enclosure follows the room. The basking spot is heated by a lamp that is on for only about three hours in the morning.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity follows a daily cycle: 40-50 % by day and 80-100 % at night. The figures are not critical, but the rhythm is important. The chameleon does not drink from a bowl, it drinks droplets.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and needs strong light. Fit a long T5 HO tube or an LED bar of 6,500 K over the whole length of the enclosure, on for 12 hours a day and off completely at night.

VOEDING

Chamaeleo calyptratus eats mostly insects: dubia roaches, banana roaches, crickets, locusts, silkworms, hornworms, black soldier flies and their larvae, bluebottles and stick insects.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

C. calyptratus is a shy species that often seems aggressive. When threatened it gapes, hisses, turns its body side-on and can bite. At other times it curls up, turns dark and plays dead.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Jemen en Saoedi-Arabië.