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KAMELEONS

Panther Chameleon

Furcifer pardalis

Furcifer pardalis is a large, brightly coloured chameleon from the northern and eastern coastal lowlands of Madagascar. The males' colours vary with origin and are among the most striking of any lizard, while the females are more subdued in orange, brown and pink. The species breeds readily, but requires a tall enclosure, UVB, high humidity at night and a life alone. Females live briefly, up to 3 years.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo pardalis; Chamaeleo ater; Chamaeleo guentheri*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-51 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**2-6 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**15-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 4
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6-8 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**10-46 eieren**
Incubatie	**180-365 dagen** bij 22 °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 a minimum, which makes it possible to create a temperature gradient and climbing opportunities above one another.

TEMPERATUUR

The daytime temperature is 22-25 °C, and at night it falls to 15-21 °C. Cold nights down towards 15 °C are unproblematic if the animal can warm up in the morning. The basking branch should have a surface temperature of 29-32 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should alternate over the course of the day: about 50-60 % by day and 75-100 % at night. The figures are not critical, but the rhythm is important. The chameleon does not drink from a bowl, but from 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. Provide no light at night. UVB is necessary.

VOEDING

Furcifer pardalis is an insectivore. Offer a varied diet of dubia roaches, banana roaches, crickets, grasshoppers, silkworms, hornworms, black soldier flies and their larvae, bluebottles, stick insects and newly hatched mantises.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

F. pardalis is a territorial species that lives alone except for mating. Males that meet change colour, inflate the body and bob, and losers turn dull and dark. This can lead to fights.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Madagaskar.