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LEGUANEN

Common Chuckwalla

Sauromalus ater

Sauromalus ater is a broad-bodied, flattened iguana from the deserts of the south-western USA and north-western Mexico. It grows to 35-50 cm, is diurnal and feeds almost exclusively on plants. It needs a dry enclosure with a very hot basking spot, strong UVB and stable rock structures with crevices it can wedge itself into.

Familie: Iguanidae Vroegere naam: *Euphryne obesus; Sauromalus australis; Sauromalus interbrachialis; Sauromalus obesus; Sauromalus shawi; Sauromalus townsendi*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**35-50 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**9 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-35 °C**
Zonneplek	**43-50 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**16-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-35%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 4
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-84 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**5-16 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**85-95 dagen** bij 27-28 °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 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Floor area matters most, and height is less important. For each additional female, add about 0.2 m² of floor space.

TEMPERATUUR

The air should be 26-35 °C during the day with a clear gradient. The basking spot should be 43-50 °C measured on the surface with an infrared thermometer, and the animal must always be able to withdraw from the heat.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The air in the species' range is very dry, and the enclosure should be kept dry: 20-35 % is suitable. The species does tolerate ordinary room air, however, so it is not necessary to control humidity.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

The animal needs a low, stable water bowl that cannot tip over, with fresh water every day. Most of the fluid comes from the food, but the animal drinks now and then, and the bowl should be available at all times.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Sauromalus ater is diurnal and basks intensely. It belongs to Ferguson zone 4, and UVB is essential.

VOEDING

Sauromalus ater is herbivorous. The basic diet is dark green leaves every day: dandelion leaves, Belgian endive, chicory, rocket, mustard greens and turnip greens.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Sauromalus ater is calm and can become nearly tame if handled gently and regularly from a young age. It can react violently the moment it is grabbed, so take hold calmly.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.