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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Common Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina

Terrapene carolina is a small, high-domed, terrestrial pond turtle from eastern North America. The plastron has a hinge, so the animal can close itself completely inside the shell. The species is diurnal, omnivorous and very long-lived, but it requires humidity, a large enclosure, calm care and usually a carefully managed hibernation.

Familie: Emydidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**11-20 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**40-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-24 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-31 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**10-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Waterbak** diepte 2-5 cm
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, kant-en-klaar voer, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-8 eieren**
Incubatie	**50-90 dagen** bij 26-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Kwetsbaar (VU)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	*Terrapene carolina* does best in a large, secure outdoor enclosure, and a large enclosure is always better than a small one. Choose a sunny, wind-sheltered spot with well-drained soil, morning sun and shade all day.
TEMPERATUUR	Indoors there must be a basking spot of 29-31 °C and a cool zone of 21-24 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	*T. carolina* comes from humid habitats and does well at an average humidity of 60-80 %, which must never fall below about 50 %.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*T. carolina* is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB to produce vitamin D3. Use a T5 HO UVB tube of about 6 % over the basking spot, so that it overlaps the heat lamps.
VOEDING	*T. carolina* is omnivorous. For the first 5-6 years young animals are mainly carnivores, while adults eat more plant food.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*T. carolina* is shy and poorly suited to being picked up. Many animals do, however, learn to know their keeper, take food from the fingers and enjoy a gentle shell massage.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten, Mexico en Canada.