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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Western Box Turtle

Terrapene ornata

Terrapene ornata is a small, terrestrial box turtle from the prairies of the central USA. The shell is dark with yellow radiating lines, and the plastron is hinged, so the animal can close itself completely inside. The species is diurnal, omnivorous, lively and long-lived, and it needs a dry, warm, well-drained substrate, strong light with UVB, plenty of space and preferably an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Familie: Emydidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-15 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**200-540 g**
Levensduur	**30-40 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-60%**
Water	**Waterbak** diepte 2-4 cm
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**5-8 °C** 8-16 weken
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, kant-en-klaar voer, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**60-96 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-8 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**50-90 dagen** bij 26-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Terrapene ornata does best outdoors in a large, secure enclosure with well-drained soil. Choose a sunny spot with no standing water, with both sun and shade throughout the day.

TEMPERATUUR

Indoors there should be a basking spot of 32-35 °C and a cool zone of 21-25 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

T. ornata tolerates drier air than other box turtles. Adults do well at an average humidity of 30-60 %, while young need 60-70 % so that they do not dry out. Measure with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

T. ornata is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB to produce vitamin D3. Use a 6 % T5 HO UVB tube in a reflector fitting over the warm end, so that it overlaps with the heat lamps.

VOEDING

T. ornata is omnivorous. Young animals are mainly carnivorous, and adults eat more plant matter, but the species is still more carnivorous than other box turtles.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

T. ornata is active, alert and curious and sets off exploring as soon as it is put down. It is more inclined to bite than other box turtles if it feels threatened.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.