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Boa constrictor is a heavily built boa from South America, especially east of the Andes, brown to grey with dark saddle markings and a tail that in many local forms is reddish brown to red. It reaches 180-300 cm, is active at dusk and at night and lives 20-30 years. It is larger than the closely related *Boa imperator* and requires a large enclosure, infrequent meals and a keeper who can take responsibility for decades.

Familie: Boidae Vroegere naam: *Constrictor constrictor*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**180-300 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**240 × 120 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**55-75%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-48 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**10-65 jongen**
Draagtijd	**100-120 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult animal over 240 cm needs an enclosure of at least 240 × 120 × 120 cm (length × width × height), and smaller adults of 180-240 cm at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm.

TEMPERATUUR
There must be a gradient from cold to warm. The air at the basking spot must be 30-32 °C and the cold end 24-26 °C, and the whole enclosure should contain zones between 24 and 32 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be 55-75 % and fluctuate a little. Briefly above 70 % does no harm if the enclosure is allowed to dry out, whereas persistent damp causes mould. Before a shed, 75-85 % can help the animal to shed in one piece.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is nocturnal and does not need strong light, but UVB is recommended. It belongs to Ferguson zone 2: occasional sun-basking. The target is a UV index of 2-3 at the basking spot.

VOEDING
B. constrictor is a carnivore and must be given whole prey. Young animals get mice and small rats, and adults get rats, young rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks and quail. Variety is healthy.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
B. constrictor is an intelligent, individual snake. Some animals tolerate and like handling, others prefer to be left in peace. Hatchlings and young animals are often nervous and may hiss and bite.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Frans-Guyana, Suriname, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazilië, Paraguay, Argentinië en Trinidad en Tobago.