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Gray-banded Kingsnake

Lampropeltis alterna

Lampropeltis alterna is a slender kingsnake from the Chihuahuan Desert in the south-western USA and northern Mexico, known for its silvery grey ground colour with orange, red and black crossbands. It reaches 70-120 cm, is docile and is kept in a dry enclosure with rock-like hides. In the wild it eats mainly lizards, but in captivity it usually takes mice, and it can live for more than 25 years.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Ophibolus alternus; Lampropeltis blairi; Lampropeltis mexicana alterna*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**70-120 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**13-16 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-13 eieren**
Incubatie	**55-70 dagen** bij 26-29 °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 90 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height).
TEMPERATUUR	The enclosure needs a clear temperature gradient, so that the animal can choose its own spot. Under the heat source the surface should be 29-32 °C, and at the cool end 20-24 °C. The air in the enclosure is 20-28 °C during the day.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The species comes from a dry region and needs low to moderate humidity of 30-50%. Higher values for a longer period cause skin problems and respiratory infections.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is nocturnal and hidden and receives only little sunlight in the wild. UVB is not necessary, but is recommended for welfare.
VOEDING	In the wild lizards are the main food, but in captivity the animals usually eat frozen and thawed mice, which are the safest diet. Do not offer live rodents, because they can bite and injure the snake.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*L. alterna* is calm and tolerant and is well suited as a first snake. Give a new animal about two weeks in peace, and start handling when it eats regularly.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten en Mexico.