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SLANGEN

Common Kingsnake

Lampropeltis getula

Lampropeltis getula is a large, glossy kingsnake from the south-eastern USA, black or dark brown with narrow, white to yellow cross-bands that form a chain pattern. It reaches 90-150 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and tolerant. It can live for more than 20 years and is kept singly in a floor enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Lampropeltis getula getula*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-150 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-30 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**150 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-48 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**3-25 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-70 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 150 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Larger is better, because the species is active and explores the whole enclosure. Smaller animals of under 100 cm can manage in 120 × 60 × 60 cm.

TEMPERATUUR

The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool places, so the enclosure must have a clear gradient.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher at the cool end and at night and lower at the warm end, and that is normal. The figures apply to kingsnakes in general.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. That suits Ferguson zone 2.

VOEDING

L. getula is a carnivore and needs whole prey. The most important food source in captivity is mice, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

L. getula is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and start handling only when it eats regularly. Begin with short sessions of no more than 5 minutes, and do not put the animal back until it is calm.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten.