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SLANGEN

Black Kingsnake

Lampropeltis nigra

Lampropeltis nigra is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the eastern USA, black, and in the southern part of its range each scale has a small yellow or white spot. It reaches 90-120 cm, eats rodents, lizards, frogs and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a terrestrial enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Lampropeltis getula nigra; Ophibolus getulus niger*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-120 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-25 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 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**
Legselgrootte	**5-15 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	There is little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis nigra*.
TEMPERATUUR	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a clear gradient.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher in the cool end and at night and lower in the warm end, and that is normal. Clammy air must be avoided.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is most active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. This corresponds to Ferguson zone 2.
VOEDING	*L. nigra* is carnivorous and needs whole prey. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*L. nigra* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and begin handling only when it eats regularly.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten.