herpy

SLANGEN

Desert Kingsnake

Lampropeltis splendida

Lampropeltis splendida is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the desert regions of the south-western USA and northern Mexico, black or dark brown with yellow crossbands broken up into small spots. It reaches 90-115 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a floor-type enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Lampropeltis getula splendida; Ophibolus splendidus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-115 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-25 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-26 °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	**5-12 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 only a little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis splendida*.
TEMPERATUUR	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a distinct gradient.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	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.
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. This fits Ferguson zone 2.
VOEDING	*L. splendida* is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*L. splendida* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and only start handling when it is feeding regularly.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten en Mexico.