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SLANGEN

Central Ratsnake

Pantherophis alleghaniensis

Pantherophis alleghaniensis is a large, agile, non-venomous rat snake from the eastern and central USA. Adults are black in the north and grey with dark blotches in the south, and they climb and swim well. It reaches 100-185 cm and needs a large enclosure with climbing opportunities. The species is hardy and feeds readily, but is more defensive than *Pantherophis guttatus*.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Elaphe alleghaniensis; Pantherophis spiloides; Elaphe obsoleta spiloides*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**100-185 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**10-15 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-27 eieren**
Incubatie	**65-70 dagen** bij 27-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult *Pantherophis alleghaniensis* needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and climbs, so height and climbing opportunities are important.

TEMPERATUUR
There must be a distinct gradient, so that the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 29-32 °C, and the cool end 22-25 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be 50-70 %, lowest by day and highest at night. Mist as needed, and put moist sphagnum in the hide at the cool end.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
Pantherophis alleghaniensis is active by day and at dusk and needs a distinct day-night rhythm with strong daylight. The light is on for about 12 hours a day, controlled by a timer.

VOEDING
Pantherophis alleghaniensis eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Juveniles get mice, and in time they move on to rats. Quail eggs, quail chicks and small chicks give variety.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Pantherophis alleghaniensis is shy and prefers to avoid conflict, but defends itself when startled.

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