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SLANGEN

Corn snake

Pantherophis guttatus

A slender, calm and hardy snake from the south-eastern USA with red, black-edged blotches on an orange ground colour. It reaches 90-150 cm, tolerates handling and forgives most beginners' mistakes, which makes it one of the most obvious choices for anyone wanting a first snake.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Elaphe guttata*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-150 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-25 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Rotsachtig terrein en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**16-24 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**10-30 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**55-65 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 guttatus* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). The rule of thumb is that the length should at least equal the snake's own length, and the width half of that.

TEMPERATUUR

There must be a clear temperature gradient so the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 30-32 °C, and the cool end 24-27 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be around 50-70%. The species copes well across the whole range as long as there is a damp hide for shedding.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Pantherophis guttatus is most active at dusk, but needs a clear day and night. The light is on for 12 hours a day, preferably 13 hours in summer and 11 hours in winter, controlled by a timer.

VOEDING

Pantherophis guttatus eats whole frozen-thawed rodents. Mice are the most commonly used food, and larger animals are given small rats.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Pantherophis guttatus tolerates regular handling better than most reptiles and usually becomes calm and inquisitive. Let a new animal settle in for two weeks and eat regularly before it is handled.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten.