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SLANGEN

Western Ratsnake

Pantherophis obsoletus

Pantherophis obsoletus is a large, slender and agile snake from the central USA. In the north adults are glossy black with a white chin and throat, further south often brown, grey or yellowish with dark blotches. It reaches 110-180 cm, climbs and swims well and is more defensive than *Pantherophis guttatus*. It needs a large enclosure, but is otherwise hardy and feeds willingly.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Elaphe obsoleta; Pantherophis obsoletus lindheimeri*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**110-180 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag, in de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en 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**
Geslachtsrijp	**36-84 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**12-20 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 obsoletus* 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. Bigger is always better.

TEMPERATUUR

There must be a clear gradient so 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. At night the temperature may fall to 18-22 °C, and the heat is switched off.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

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

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Pantherophis obsoletus is active both day and night and needs a clear daily rhythm with strong daylight. The light is on for about 12 hours a day, controlled by a timer.

VOEDING

Pantherophis obsoletus eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Young snakes get mice, and in time they move on to rats. Quail eggs, quail chicks and small chicks can add variety.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Pantherophis obsoletus is more defensive than most colubrids. It gapes, vibrates its tail against the substrate so that it rattles, and can strike without hesitation. Some animals also release a foul-smelling fluid.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten.