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SLANGEN

Common Garter Snake

Thamnophis sirtalis

Thamnophis sirtalis is a slender, diurnal and curious snake with pale stripes along the body. It lives near water from southern Canada through most of the USA to northern Mexico. It is hardy, stays awake and visible by day and can live on thawed mice, but it is a master escape artist and needs a completely secure enclosure.

Familie: Colubridae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**50-100 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**6-10 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**23-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**35-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**8-15 °C** 8-16 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-24 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**10-40 jongen**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Draagtijd	**60-90 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult *Thamnophis sirtalis* needs an enclosure of at least 100 × 50 × 50 cm (length × width × height), and a female over 80 cm needs 120 × 60 × 60 cm.

TEMPERATUUR

There must be a clear heat gradient. The basking spot must be 29-32 °C measured on the surface, the cool end 23-27 °C and the night 18-22 °C. The heat source is switched off at night.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity must be 35-60 %, highest at the cool end and at night. The enclosure must not be wet, because persistent damp causes blisters on the belly.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and thrives in strong daylight. UVB is not strictly necessary, but is recommended and often makes the snake more active.

VOEDING

Thamnophis sirtalis takes different prey from most snakes: earthworms, fish and rodents. It does not eat insects such as crickets and mealworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Thamnophis sirtalis is fast and curious and usually becomes tame if handled regularly from a young age. Let new animals settle in for about two weeks, and only start handling them once they are feeding steadily.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Canada, Mexico en Verenigde Staten.