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WORMSALAMANDERS

Mexican Caecilian

Dermophis mexicanus

Dermophis mexicanus is a large, limbless, burrowing caecilian from Mexico and Central America. It looks like a big earthworm, lives in moist, loose soil and gives birth to live young after a gestation of 11 months. Little is known about keeping the species.

Familie: Dermophiidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-60 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-10 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Gravend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos, regenwoud en bergbos**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 40 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**90-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Ontwikkeling	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-36 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**3-16 jongen**
Draagtijd	**335 dagen**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Dermophis mexicanus*, but the species is one of the terrestrial caecilians most often found in the trade.
TEMPERATUUR	Keep 22-25 °C by day and 21-23 °C at night. The temperature must be stable and vary by no more than about 3 °C; rapid and large fluctuations are poorly tolerated.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN	The substrate must be evenly moist, but not so wet that water can be squeezed out of a handful, and there must never be standing water at the bottom of the box. The air in the box is practically saturated (90-100 %).
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	There should be no water bowl. The animal gets water from the moist substrate and from condensation on the walls of the box, and a water bowl easily makes the substrate too wet. The water is used only to moisten the substrate.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species lives underground and does not need UVB or any special lighting. An ordinary day-night rhythm in the room with 10-14 hours of light is enough. The box should not stand in direct sunlight.
VOEDING	Earthworms are the staple food and are taken by almost all terrestrial caecilians. Use small to medium earthworms, such as compost worms, and cut them into pieces for juveniles. Put 10-15 worms in the box every other week.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Dermophis mexicanus* lives hidden and spends almost all of its time buried.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica en Panama.