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GECKOS

Common Barking Gecko

Ptenopus garrulus

A small, sand-coloured gecko from the Kalahari that lives in self-dug burrows in the sand and only comes out at sunset. The males sit at the burrow entrance and call with a sharp, barking sound that carries a long way. Little is known about the care of the species.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Stenodactylus garrulus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**7-9 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto, semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Repouso de inverno	**18-21 °C** 6-8 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1 ovos**
Incubação	**60-80 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Ptenopus garrulus*. The advice is based on the species' way of life and on small desert geckos with the same way of life, *Stenodactylus sthenodactylus* and *Stenodactylus petrii*.
TEMPERATURA	Provide a gradient so the animal can choose for itself. By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and an area of about a third of the floor is heated to 32-35 °C. At night it should fall to 18-22 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Keep the air dry and well ventilated, at around 30-50% relative humidity. Mist lightly at one end of the enclosure, in the evening before the gecko comes out, so the animal can drink droplets and feel a little moisture.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is active at sunset and at night and spends the day buried, so UVB is not essential when the insects are dusted with calcium and vitamin D3.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The gecko is an insectivore. In the wild it takes termites, ants and beetles, and it sits at the burrow entrance and hunts nearby. Small crickets and small roaches make a good staple.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The gecko is shy and spends most of its life in a burrow in the sand. Handle it only when it has to be moved, and never grab the tail. Take care, because the animal is small and fragile.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Botsuana, Namíbia e África do Sul.