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GECKOS

Golden-tailed gecko

Strophurus taenicauda

Strophurus taenicauda is a small, spotted gecko from the scrubland of Queensland, with a shiny golden stripe down the tail and red eyes. It climbs in branches, rests head down and smears a sticky, foul-smelling fluid on whatever grabs it. It suits the practised keeper who wants a species with plenty of personality.

Família: Diplodactylidae Nome anterior: *Diplodactylus taenicauda*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**6-7 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Peso	**5-8 g**
Longevidade	**4-10 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Semideserto e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**25-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**19-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-60%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**4-6**
Incubação	**48-72 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice III**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo C**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

A pair of *Strophurus taenicauda* needs an enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height), and a single animal can manage with a little less. A small group needs more space, especially more floor area.

TEMPERATURA

Strophurus taenicauda likes to bask under a spot lamp, just as it basks in the branches in the wild. By day it should be 25-28 °C low in the enclosure and 30-32 °C at the top under a low bulb.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Strophurus taenicauda comes from dry to semi-arid country, and there is no documented figure for the humidity. The 30-60% in the fact box is therefore an estimate based on the habitat. The enclosure must be dry most of the time.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Strophurus taenicauda sleeps freely on the branches by day and likes to bask, so give it UVB light. A real need has not been demonstrated in captivity, and with calcium and D3 in the food it can manage without.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

In the wild *Strophurus taenicauda* eats small arthropods, especially cockroaches, crickets, grasshoppers, beetles, moths and spiders. In the enclosure crickets, small cockroaches, moths, flies and waxworms work.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Strophurus taenicauda is bold and curious and is not as shy as many other species. It often sits openly on a branch and is active at dusk and at night. It is not suited to handling, however.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

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