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LACERTÍDEOS

Dalmatian Wall Lizard

Podarcis melisellensis

Podarcis melisellensis is a small, compact, diurnal rock lizard from the coasts and islands of the Adriatic. It reaches 15-22 cm including the tail, has distinct pale stripes above the eyes, and the males occur with a yellow, orange or white belly and throat. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Família: Lacertidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-22 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Terreno rochoso e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**22-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**40-45 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**14-18 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**8-12 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos e pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**2-8 ovos**
Incubação	**35-45 dias** a 26-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Podarcis melisellensis*, so the figures for temperature, humidity, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from the related *Podarcis muralis* and *Podarcis siculus*, which have the same way of life and a similar climate.

TEMPERATURA

By day it should be 22-30 °C, and the basking spot should be 40-45 °C at the surface, measured with an infrared thermometer.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity should be moderate: 40-60% by day. The enclosure must be able to dry out completely, because stagnant, humid air causes skin problems and fungus. Provide a shallow, clean water dish.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Podarcis melisellensis is diurnal and lives in open, sunlit terrain, so the enclosure needs strong heat and UVB light. The species belongs to Ferguson zone 3, with a UV index of around 3-5 at the basking spot.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Podarcis melisellensis eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice. Mealworms and waxworms are given only in small amounts.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Podarcis melisellensis is fast and alert and flees when disturbed. Males are territorial, and two males of the same species together will fight, especially if one is orange.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Croácia, Eslovênia, Itália, Montenegro, Albânia e Bósnia e Herzegovina.