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LACERTÍDEOS

Balkan Wall Lizard

Podarcis tauricus

Podarcis tauricus is a robust, diurnal, ground-dwelling lizard from south-eastern Europe and Asia Minor. It reaches 20-24 cm including the tail, is brown and green with two pale stripes along the side, and lives in open places with sand, grass and scattered vegetation. The species is common in the wild, but little is known about its care.

Família: Lacertidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**20-24 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**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**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**2-10 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2**
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 is known about the care of *Podarcis tauricus*, so the figures for care, incubation time and lifespan are borrowed from *Podarcis muralis*.

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.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Podarcis tauricus 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 tauricus eats small arthropods. Feeder insects can be crickets, small locusts, flies, fruit flies, springtails, spiders and woodlice, and mealworms and waxworms only in small amounts.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Podarcis tauricus is fast and alert, often basks in the open and flees when disturbed. Males form territories and defend them against other males, and two males together will fight.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Ucrânia, Moldávia, Romênia, Hungria, Macedônia do Norte, Bulgária, Grécia, Albânia e Turquia.