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COBRAS

Four-lined Ratsnake

Elaphe quatuorlineata

A powerful, calm ratsnake from Italy and the Balkans that as an adult carries four dark stripes along a yellowish-brown to greyish-brown body and reaches 150-200 cm. *Elaphe quatuorlineata* is among the largest snakes in Europe, climbs well and needs a large, tall, escape-proof enclosure and a cool winter rest in order to breed.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Coluber quatuorlineatus; Elaphis quaterradiatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**150-200 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Terreno rochoso e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-33 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Opcional**
Repouso de inverno	**10-12 °C** 12-16 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**4-18 ovos**
Incubação	**55-65 dias** a 28-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

Elaphe quatuorlineata is a large, climbing snake and needs a large, tall and well-ventilated enclosure. The minimum size for an adult is 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA

There must be a clear temperature gradient. The background temperature is 24-28 °C by day, and under the heat source there should be a basking spot of 30-33 °C, so the snake can warm up. At night 20-24 °C is maintained.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity should be moderate, about 40-60 %, in a well-ventilated enclosure. A precise figure has not been documented for the species, but in the wild it prefers warm, slightly humid places with shade.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Elaphe quatuorlineata is active by day and at dusk and needs a clear day and night, controlled by a timer. The light is gradually reduced in autumn and increased again in spring, so the animal gets a natural seasonal rhythm.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Elaphe quatuorlineata eats whole rodents, chicks and eggs and takes frozen and thawed prey without difficulty in captivity.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Elaphe quatuorlineata is calm, shy and tame and seldom bites. It is somewhat sluggish and a keen climber, and it is hardy and eats well in captivity.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Itália, Eslovênia, Croácia, Bósnia e Herzegovina, Sérvia, Montenegro, Macedônia do Norte, Albânia, Grécia e Bulgária.