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COBRAS

Rainbow Boa

Epicrates cenchria

Epicrates cenchria is a slender, iridescent boa from the rainforests of South America, with an orange to red base colour, black rings and a sheen like oil on water. It grows to 150-200 cm, is nocturnal and calm as an adult, but needs very high humidity, steady warmth and a large enclosure. The species has been split into several species, and many rainbow boas in the trade belong to the separated ones.

Família: Boidae Nome anterior: *Boa cenchria; Epicrates cenchris*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**150-200 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-24 °C**
Umidade	**70-100%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**30-48 meses**
Tamanho da ninhada	**1-30 filhotes**
Gestação	**104-135 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO
An adult *Epicrates cenchria* needs a terrarium of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height). A good rule of thumb for a semi-arboreal snake is that the length equals the snake's full length and the width half of it.

TEMPERATURA
By day there should be 24-29 °C in the terrarium with a basking spot of 29-32 °C at one end, and at night 22-24 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA
Epicrates cenchria dries out easily and is entirely dependent on high humidity. Keep it at about 70 % by day and 90-100 % at night. Juveniles under one year are more delicate and need 90-100 % around the clock.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB
E. cenchria is nocturnal, but needs a fixed day and night rhythm with 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness, controlled by a timer.

ALIMENTAÇÃO
Epicrates cenchria eats mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, quail, chicks and small guinea pigs. Preferably offer frozen and thawed animals rather than live ones, and warm the prey to about 38 °C in a sealed bag in warm water.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO
E. cenchria is relatively calm as an adult, but it does not like being petted and is easily stressed if handled for too long. Young are nervous and bite easily, and they become more relaxed when they are about a year old.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL
Guiana Francesa, Suriname, Guiana, Colômbia, Venezuela, Equador, Peru, Brasil, Bolívia e Argentina.