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COBRAS

Western Hognose Snake

Heterodon nasicus

Heterodon nasicus is a small, stocky colubrid from the North American prairies with an upturned snout that it uses to dig in loose soil. When threatened, it puffs itself up, hisses and finally plays dead. It is active by day, calm and easy to keep, which makes it a good first choice among snakes. It is rear-fanged with a mild venom; bites are rare but can cause marked swelling.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Heterodon gloydi*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**35-90 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**80-400 g**
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**90 × 45 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**23-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**31-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**5-15 °C** 4-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-36 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**2-23 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**51-64 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	An adult needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 45 × 40 cm (length × width × height).
TEMPERATURA	Provide a clear gradient. The warm end should have a basking spot of 31-35 °C, measured on the surface, while the air temperature is otherwise 23-27 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity should be around 30-60 %. The species comes from dry regions and does not need humid air, but air that is too dry and a dusty substrate lead to grime in the nostrils and stuck sloughs.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is active by day and benefits from bright daylight. The light can be on for 12 hours a day all year round, or follow the seasons with 14-16 hours in spring and summer and 8-10 hours in autumn and winter.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild, *H. nasicus* eats mainly toads and other amphibians, but also lizards, rodents, reptile eggs, birds' eggs and occasionally other snakes. In captivity, the staple food is frozen, thawed mice.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Heterodon nasicus* is calm and easy to handle. The threats are bluff, and the snake almost never bites in defence. Let it settle after a display, and do not disturb it while it is playing dead.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e Canadá.