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COBRAS

Eastern Hognose Snake

Heterodon platirhinos

Heterodon platirhinos is a stout colubrid from eastern North America with an upturned snout that it uses to dig in sand. When threatened it spreads its neck, hisses and finally plays dead. In the wild it feeds almost exclusively on toads, which makes it harder to keep than most other snakes: many animals will not take mice without persuasion.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Heterodon platyrhinos; Heterodon browni*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**50-115 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**90 × 45 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-31 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**12-15 °C** 8 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**10-30 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**45-90 dias** a 28-30 °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). Floor area matters more than height, because the species is active and digs.
TEMPERATURA	Maintain a clear gradient. The basking spot should be 30-31 °C, and the rest of the enclosure 24-29 °C by day. At night the heating is switched off, and the temperature can fall to 16-22 °C, but never below 16 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 50-60%. That is slightly more than for the close relative *Heterodon nasicus*, and a hygrometer shows whether the figure holds.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and benefits from bright daylight. The light can be on for 12 hours a day all year round or follow the seasons with 14 hours in spring, 16 in summer, 10 in autumn and 8 in winter. UVB is recommended.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *H. platirhinos* eats mostly amphibians, especially toads, but also lizards and other small animals. In captivity feeding is the hardest part of its care: many animals, especially young ones, refuse mice at first.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Heterodon platirhinos* is calm, but shyer and more defensive than *H. nasicus*. Keep handling to once a week. Let new animals settle for two weeks, and start only when they are feeding regularly.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e Canadá.