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COBRAS

Common Kingsnake

Lampropeltis getula

Lampropeltis getula is a large, glossy kingsnake from the south-eastern USA, black or dark brown with narrow, white to yellow cross-bands that form a chain pattern. It reaches 90-150 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and tolerant. It can live for more than 20 years and is kept singly in a floor enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Lampropeltis getula getula*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**90-150 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-30 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Área úmida e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**21-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-48 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**3-25 ovos**
Incubação	**60-70 dias** a 26-29 °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 150 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Larger is better, because the species is active and explores the whole enclosure. Smaller animals of under 100 cm can manage in 120 × 60 × 60 cm.
TEMPERATURA	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool places, so the enclosure must have a clear gradient.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher at the cool end and at night and lower at the warm end, and that is normal. The figures apply to kingsnakes in general.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. That suits Ferguson zone 2.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*L. getula* is a carnivore and needs whole prey. The most important food source in captivity is mice, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*L. getula* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and start handling only when it eats regularly. Begin with short sessions of no more than 5 minutes, and do not put the animal back until it is calm.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos.