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COBRAS

Corn snake

Pantherophis guttatus

A slender, calm and hardy snake from the south-eastern USA with red, black-edged blotches on an orange ground colour. It reaches 90-150 cm, tolerates handling and forgives most beginners' mistakes, which makes it one of the most obvious choices for anyone wanting a first snake.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Elaphe guttata*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**90-150 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-25 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Terreno rochoso e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**16-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**10-30 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**55-65 dias** a 27-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult *Pantherophis guttatus* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). The rule of thumb is that the length should at least equal the snake's own length, and the width half of that.

TEMPERATURA

There must be a clear temperature gradient so the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 30-32 °C, and the cool end 24-27 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity should be around 50-70%. The species copes well across the whole range as long as there is a damp hide for shedding.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Pantherophis guttatus is most active at dusk, but needs a clear day and night. The light is on for 12 hours a day, preferably 13 hours in summer and 11 hours in winter, controlled by a timer.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Pantherophis guttatus eats whole frozen-thawed rodents. Mice are the most commonly used food, and larger animals are given small rats.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Pantherophis guttatus tolerates regular handling better than most reptiles and usually becomes calm and inquisitive. Let a new animal settle in for two weeks and eat regularly before it is handled.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

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