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COBRAS

Gophersnake

Pituophis catenifer

Pituophis catenifer is a powerful, diurnal colubrid from the prairies, deserts and woodland edges of North America. It grows to 1-2 metres, hunts rodents in their burrows and defends itself by hissing, inflating its neck and vibrating its tail, so that it resembles a rattlesnake. It is robust and easy to keep, but large, strong and an escape artist.

Família: Colubridae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**100-200 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**12-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto, savana e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**28-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-48 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**2-24 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**55-75 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 *Pituophis catenifer* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm. Floor area is more important than height, because the species digs and explores, but rarely climbs.
TEMPERATURA	The species tolerates a wide temperature range. By day the enclosure should be 24-29 °C, with a warm end of 28-32 °C and a cool end down towards 24 °C, so that the snake can choose for itself, especially after a meal.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity does not matter much for the species, which comes from dry to moderately humid regions, and a specific figure is not documented.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Pituophis catenifer* is diurnal, but does not need UVB light to stay healthy and rarely basks. An ordinary day-night rhythm of about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness controlled by a timer is enough.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species lives on rodents, and in captivity it is given frozen or thawed mice and rats. Do not give live rodents, which can bite the snake. The prey should be no wider than the snake at its widest point.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Pituophis catenifer* is calm and curious, but has a dramatic defence. When threatened it inflates its body, hisses loudly, vibrates its tail and lunges forward with its mouth open or closed.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Canadá, Estados Unidos e México.