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COBRAS

Common Garter Snake

Thamnophis sirtalis

Thamnophis sirtalis is a slender, diurnal and curious snake with pale stripes along the body. It lives near water from southern Canada through most of the USA to northern Mexico. It is hardy, stays awake and visible by day and can live on thawed mice, but it is a master escape artist and needs a completely secure enclosure.

Família: Colubridae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**50-100 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**23-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**35-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**8-15 °C** 8-16 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-24 meses**
Tamanho da ninhada	**10-40 filhotes**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Gestação	**60-90 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult *Thamnophis sirtalis* needs an enclosure of at least 100 × 50 × 50 cm (length × width × height), and a female over 80 cm needs 120 × 60 × 60 cm.
TEMPERATURA	There must be a clear heat gradient. The basking spot must be 29-32 °C measured on the surface, the cool end 23-27 °C and the night 18-22 °C. The heat source is switched off at night.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity must be 35-60 %, highest at the cool end and at night. The enclosure must not be wet, because persistent damp causes blisters on the belly.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and thrives in strong daylight. UVB is not strictly necessary, but is recommended and often makes the snake more active.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Thamnophis sirtalis* takes different prey from most snakes: earthworms, fish and rodents. It does not eat insects such as crickets and mealworms.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Thamnophis sirtalis* is fast and curious and usually becomes tame if handled regularly from a young age. Let new animals settle in for about two weeks, and only start handling them once they are feeding steadily.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Canadá, México e Estados Unidos.