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Common Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina

Terrapene carolina is a small, high-domed, terrestrial pond turtle from eastern North America. The plastron has a hinge, so the animal can close itself completely inside the shell. The species is diurnal, omnivorous and very long-lived, but it requires humidity, a large enclosure, calm care and usually a carefully managed hibernation.

Família: Emydidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**11-20 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**40-50 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Área úmida e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**21-24 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-31 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**10-20 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água** profundidade 2-5 cm
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, ração completa, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**3-8 ovos**
Incubação	**50-90 dias** a 26-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	*Terrapene carolina* does best in a large, secure outdoor enclosure, and a large enclosure is always better than a small one. Choose a sunny, wind-sheltered spot with well-drained soil, morning sun and shade all day.
TEMPERATURA	Indoors there must be a basking spot of 29-31 °C and a cool zone of 21-24 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	*T. carolina* comes from humid habitats and does well at an average humidity of 60-80 %, which must never fall below about 50 %.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*T. carolina* is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB to produce vitamin D3. Use a T5 HO UVB tube of about 6 % over the basking spot, so that it overlaps the heat lamps.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*T. carolina* is omnivorous. For the first 5-6 years young animals are mainly carnivores, while adults eat more plant food.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*T. carolina* is shy and poorly suited to being picked up. Many animals do, however, learn to know their keeper, take food from the fingers and enjoy a gentle shell massage.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos, México e Canadá.