

Checkered Garter Snake - cbb

Care Sheets



Scientific Name: *Thamnophis marcianus marcianus*

Native to: Texas

Average Length: 2-5 Feet

Life Span: Up to 15 years



General Information

Our Checkered Garter snakes are captive bred in our facility. Checkered Garter snakes are found throughout Texas. These snakes are water dwellers. Make sure you provide a secure enclosure because they can flatten their body and squeeze through the tiniest holes. Unlike some other snakes Checkered Garter snakes give birth to live young.

General Care

Enclosure: A single Checkered Garter snake can be housed in a 10 gallon or 20 gallon tank depending on the size of the snake. These snakes are known as escape artists so make sure the enclosure has an escape-proof lid. A group of Checkered Garter snakes can be housed together.

Substrate: Provide a deep substrate. Checkered Garters often like to burrow into the substrate. You can use bark chips, aspen shavings, sphagnum moss or sterile potting soil. Keep the substrate dry.

Habitat: Checkered Garter snakes love to climb, so provide branches. A hiding spot is also recommended. You can either use cork bark or a hide box. Provide a water bowl for swimming.

Temperature: Temperature should range from 65° F on the cool side to 85° F on the warm end. Use an under tank heater as a primary heat source.

Lighting: Provide your Checkered Garter snake with 8-12 hours of light daily. Do not leave white light on at all times. To view your snake at night use a black or infrared light.

Food and Water: Provide a large bowl of fresh chlorine-free water. Checkered Garter snakes will eat frozen thawed rodents, night crawlers, rosy red minnows and goldfish. An exclusive diet of fish should be avoided as this will cause a vitamin B1 deficiency. Feed your Checkered Garter snake once or twice a week depending on the food and the size of the snake. Babies will need to be fed more often than adults.

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Morphs

* Pictures are only general representations of the animals. All animals are individuals and actual Checkered Garter snake may vary from the pictures.



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Available Sizes

Babies

*See Price List for Availability