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Garter Snake: Caring For Your New Pet (Reptile Care Guides)



Synopsis

Practically everyone has seen a small, agile garter snake at least once in their life seeing as how the plucky reptile is the most common snake in the entire world and has spread to every corner of the globe. What few people may realize is that these snakes are not only great survivors but also great pets, since they are non venomous and rarely bite, eating most anything that you put in front of them. The eBook "Garter Snake: Caring For Your New Pet" by Casey Watkins offers up a complete encyclopedia of these fascinating snakes for pet owners who would like to have one in their collections. Garter snakes, notes the author, are a different pet than a lively puppy or talkative parrot. Unlike a furry pet that needs a lot of room to roam around in, garter snakes are at their happiest when they have a small enclosure that makes them feel protected from predators. The text lists several different types of enclosures that offer a comprehensive shelter for a snake, ranging from a plastic tub to a wooden cage, along with tips about decorating the enclosure to make the reptile feel comfortable. The biggest difference, however, between a garter snake (or any other reptile) and a warm-blooded pet is the need for temperature control. The author goes into great detail about how to properly set up an enclosure for a garter snake. Since these animals are quite resistant to both high and low temperatures an owner need not concern themselves with a very specific range, yet there are steps they can take to ensure that the reptile stays comfortable and stress-free in their new environment. Once you have picked out the color and size of snake you would desire and set up an enclosure set up with the proper climate control, it is time to think about how to feed it. The author makes note that in the wild, garter snakes will literally eat any animal smaller than them which crosses their path. This makes it easy for any owner to give them the nutrition they require and there are several meal options the text suggests, including a breakdown of nutritional value for different fish, rodents, and insects that a garter will gladly chow on. Garters are bred in captivity by owners to produce new color combinations of snakes. This eBook contains valuable tips on breeding a snake should you be interested in increasing your collection size. The good news is that garter snakes are as prolific as rabbits and can have one or two litters per year, with a few dozen babies produced each time. Finally, the author touches on how to enjoy interacting with your garter snake. These animals are flighty by nature but can quickly become comfortable being held and stroked by humans. This eBook gives information on the process of acclimatizing a snake to your touch so that both handler and pet will become used to coming out of its enclosure and being handled or inspected.

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