

Star



What am I?

Chequered Garter Snake

Where do I live in the wild?

In swampy areas of the USA.

How am I looked after as a pet?

I live in a tank with lots of places to hide and climb. I have to be kept quite warm. I need a large bowl of water to drink and soak in.

What do I eat?

A am a carnivore. In the wild I eat slugs, snails, earthworms, tadpoles and small fish. As a pet I eat fish. Trout is my favourite.

What do I look like?

My body is long and thin. I don't have any arms or legs. I have a pretty pattern on my body. My skin feels quite smooth.

Why do we love Star?

Star is a very cute little snake with beautiful yellow and lilac scales. She is very friendly and happy to be handled.

My Story:

I came to Lion Learners East Midlands when I was a tiny baby snake. I looked more like an earthworm than a snake back then! I have grown a lot over the years but I am still pretty small. I will continue to grow slowly for a few years yet.

I have been handled since I was a baby so I am not scared of humans at all, even though you are massive compared to me! I am quite happy to relax on your hand or curl in between your fingers. You have to be gentle with me, though, and remember I am little! Sometimes when we go to visit libraries and schools I pretend to be a worm from a well known children's story. I like being 'Superworm' the best as he is a brilliant character! Children are usually really excited when they realise I am actually a snake.

At home I am quite a nosy snake. You will often see me peeping out of my hide, watching what is going on. Because I am a fish eater I need to eat more often than my mouse eating neighbours. Kristan gives me a meal whenever I start searching for food. Lucky me!

