

Olive



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 Olive?

Olive is a beautiful little snake with black, green and yellow scales, just like a wild Garter Snake. She is very friendly and happy to be handled.

My Story:

I came to Lion Learners East Midland quite recently from a Garter Snake breeder. I am still pretty small and I will continue to grow slowly for a few years.

I am a naturally calm snake and I am getting used to being handled by different people in different places. I am the same colour as a wild Garter Snake and very similar to a British Grass Snake so I am great for helping children learn about wild life.

At home I am quite a nosy snake. You will often see me peeping out of my hide, watching what is going on or looking out for food. Because I am a fish eater I need to eat more often than my mouse eating neighbours. I really love to eat! It is my favourite thing to do!

