

Garter Snakes

0 Garter snakes make great pets. They live in many places. Garter
 11 snakes live in gardens. They live near houses. They are often the first
 24 snake a child sees. Children like to catch garter snakes. It is lucky that
 38 garters are safe snakes. If someone comes near them, garters will hide. If
 51 someone tries to fight, the garter will fight back. But garters never start
 64 a fight. They will never attack people or pets first. Garter snakes live
 77 between three and ten years.

82 Some people call garter snakes “garden snakes.” Other people call
 92 them grass snakes. Garter snakes are usually striped. Some garter snakes
 103 have red or yellow stripes. Their background color is plain or checked.
 115 Garter snakes are not very big. Full-grown garter snakes are two to three
 129 feet in length. They are also very narrow in width. Because they are
 142 small, garters are quick to heat up. They are also quick to cool down.
 156 Garter snakes sleep in the ground during the winter. They come out of the
 170 ground in the spring. Garter snakes like to bask in the sun during the day.

185 Garter snakes eat insects. They also eat worms and frogs. Since they
 197 are small, they are agile. This makes it easier for them to catch their prey.
 212 Garters use their sight mostly to hunt their prey, although they can also
 225 “hear” vibrations in the ground. Garters hunt during the cooler part of
 237 the day.
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