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Giant African Land Snail Kit

Contents of Kit

5 Juvenile captive bred snails (LZH 065)

Medium Tank (ACS 040)

Cuttlefish Bones x 3 (DTS 096)

Peat 2 litres

Care Instructions

Housing

Giant African Land Snails should be kept in a small to medium tank according to their size. An escape-proof (but not air-tight) top is necessary.

Substrate

A substrate of damp peat or similar is preferred. When the snails are mature the soil must be deep enough for the snails to completely bury themselves during egg laying.

Temperature 24°C - 30°C

Water

The snails do not require drinking water, they will gain water from their food and the atmosphere. If the snails have to be left for a couple of days then a small saucer of water can be left. A fairly high humidity should be maintained through daily spraying.

Food

The snails will eat a wide variety of vegetables and fruit such as iceberg lettuce, apple, cucumber and raw potato etc. The snails must also have access to cuttlefish bones which provide calcium.

Breeding

The snails may begin breeding when they are a year old or more and like their smaller relatives, they are hermaphrodite, i.e. they have both male and female reproductive organs. Their eggs are deposited 40-500 at a time, are a lemon yellow colour and the size of small peas. The young usually hatch within 10 days.

Handling

The hatchlings are very delicate and must be handled with great care and can be kept the same way as adults.

Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling any snails.

Weekend Care

If the snails have to be left, it is best to clear their tank of any old food and leave the snails with a small shallow dish of water and some harder food such as apple, potato or carrot.

Sudden drops in temperature must be avoided and can be fatal.