



Giant African Land Snails

Achatina Fulica

Description:

Giant African land snails are from eastern Africa and are the world's largest snail reaching 20-25cm. They are very easy to keep and don't take up a lot of time to look after. They will live for about 5 years. Giant African land snails are both sexes so if you keep two together you will end up with eggs, they can have 50 or more eggs each in one clutch.

Housing:

We always recommend keeping your snail in a glass or plastic tank because they are most suitable for an animal that likes high humidity. Remember these snails grow quite large and when fully grown will need a large tank roughly around 2ft long by 1ft high.

Substrate:

You should always keep your snail on a peat like substrate we find eco earth is the best as it contains no chemicals and is available in most pet shops. Eco earth comes in a block which you let sock in warm water. Always give your snail deep substrate so they can bury themselves and their eggs.

Humidity

Your snail will need to be sprayed lightly twice a day to keep their environment damp. If the snails dry out you will find they will remain dormant in its shell, if this happens a good spray of tank and they snail and it should emerge again. Always have a water bowl with fresh water available for your snail.

Diet:

Giant African land snails can be fed on a large variety of different fruit and vegetables here is a list of good foods to feed them

- Cos or Romaine lettuce
- Spring greens
- Courgettes
- Runner bean leaves
- Apple
- Carrot

Place the food in a food dish and change daily because the food becomes rotten.

A source of calcium should be given to the snails to help their shell to grow and keep it in a good healthy condition. The best way to do this is to keep fresh cuttle fish in the tank, this can be brought from most pet shops.

Handling

Gently pick up your snail running your finger under his tail, to detach it from the tank. The shell is fragile, especially around the front area.

ALWAYS WASH YOUR HAND BEFORE AND AFTER HANDLING YOUR SNAIL