

## TERMITARIUM INSTRUCTIONS

The termitarium H20x10 T is prepared to lodge a colony of termites. Inside his galleries there is moistened cellulose, I feed of the termites. The cellulose always has to have dampness, but there never has to be water excess. The dry cellulose is white as the paper, but on having moistened it takes this yellowish tone, for what it is very easy to control the dampness of the hill. Water will be inserted across the hole of the green foam by means of a syringe.

The termites are blind, therefore the light does not affect them. The maximum temperature to live cannot overcome 30 centigrade degrees. Therefore, there will be necessary to monitor where we place them in summer and in winter. The food of the termites is the cellulose, principal component of the wood. The termites not only will eat the cellulose but also they will do tunnels in her. The termites cannot rise across the walls of the termitarium not of the box of I forage, for what it is not necessary to be afraid for the escapes if we leave the opened lid. The termitarium comes with two stoppers to close the exits on the outside of the termitarium.

The termites have three castes: the workers, the soldiers and the breeding ones. His physical difference is notable. The breeding ones are bigger than the workers and the soldiers have the head and the biggest jaws. In the colony there comes more of the breeding one, which no macho needs to be fertilized. If the breeding principal one dies, other one takes his place. If all the breeding ones die, one working will assume the role of breeding. To raise them in captivity is much simpler than that of the ants.

The breeding ones put eggs. Of the eggs there will go out small almost transparent termites that will be growing up to being adults. The termites do not have larval process, of the egg a termite goes out directly. The colony of termites comes in an packing with substratum and dampness. There they can live indefinite time providing that they have cellulose or moistened substratum. Always it has to have a bit of ventilation of the interior, monopoly cannot be closed. Also, if the packing is totally opened, the dampness will last less time. To change the colony of his original packing to the termitarium, first there will be necessary to moisten the cellulose of the termitarium if this one needs it.

We will throw carefully the content of the packing inside the box of I forage, helped with a paintbrush if it needs. We can leave the opened lid, since the termites cannot rise for his walls. The termites will be looking for a new place to live and to eat. So after a time they will find the hole of entry to the termitarium and will finish lodging inside. Once be inside the termitarium, we will be able to clean the box of I forage of the whole substratum that was coming in the original packing of the colony. Some of them place a paper in the base of the box of I forage before beginning to the termites inside in order that it is easier then to withdraw the remains.

The termitarium comes with one bag of cellulose in powder. The cellulose in powder will serve to re-put food in case the colony consumes everything. Only it has to be mixed by water and do a humid substratum. The substratum can put on a small quantity inside the box of I forage to see how the termites use it.