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Culture Guide for: *Paphiopedilum*
"The Lady Slipper"

Temperature:

Paphiopedilums in general should be kept in a 55°- 85°F temperature range. Paphs will tolerate 90° with good air circulation. It is not necessary to segregate the plain and mottled leaf varieties into cool and warm areas. It is however, important for some Paphs to have a day/night temperature differential to help initiate bud spikes.

Light & Shade:

Paphiopedilums are known to adapt readily to different light intensities. Although they will grow with a low light intensity, a stronger light will produce much better growth and flower production.

Watering & Feeding:

Watering should be frequent as Paphiopedilums are considered moisture-loving plants. Paphs should dry out somewhat between watering. During the summer feed every other watering. During winter months, fertilizing should be reduced to once a month. Paphs are considered particularly susceptible to fertilizer burn, so it is important that they are watered thoroughly on the next scheduled watering after feeding.

Humidity & Air Circulation:

Although humidity is not considered an important factor in good Paph growth, a reasonable amount (about 40% or more) should be attained. Good air movement should be provided. However, they should not be exposed to hot or cold drafts.

Potting:

We recommend repotting Paphiopedilums once a year. It is usually best to repot in spring when new growth is developing. If you decide to divide the plant during repotting, make sure each division has at least two strong growths.



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