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CATTLEYA

Origin: Tropical America

- **TEMPERATURES:** intermediate greenhouse plant, Cattleya needs a night temperature of 16-18°C. The temperature during the day can vary from 20 to 25 °C in winter and until to 30°C and more in summer without problem.
- **LIGHT:** the light intensity to the adult plants must be more strongly possible, on condition of being able to maintain the temperature of the leaves to a level sufficiently low in order to avoid burns. In case of abundant flowering in warm and sunny period, shade lightly.
- **WATER:** in summer the morning once the week. If very warm eventually a second light watering in the course of the week. In winter the waterings must be scarcer (every 10 days approximately): they only serve to avoid that the plant dries up. Fertilize every 2 waterings all the year.
- **POTTING:** it is made the beginning of the period of increase, towards March - April. To choose medium pine bark: it is light and aired and a plastic pot. To remove from the plant all bark and the roots dead. Don't put the plant in the center of the pot, but a little bit of side, in order to leave space to the new vegetation. Tie wood stick to bulbs so that they remain in vertical position and don't begin again watering before three or four weeks after the repotting (hold the plant humid with frequent spray).
- **PARTICULAR CARE:** don't water the plant at the end of the day: there is the risk to carry the umidity

rate to a elevated level for the night. It could favour the development of fungal or bacterial disease.

- PLANTS AND FLOWERS SIZES: generally plants size is between 30 and 50 cm and flower size is between 12 and 20 cm. The flowers generally are fragrant.