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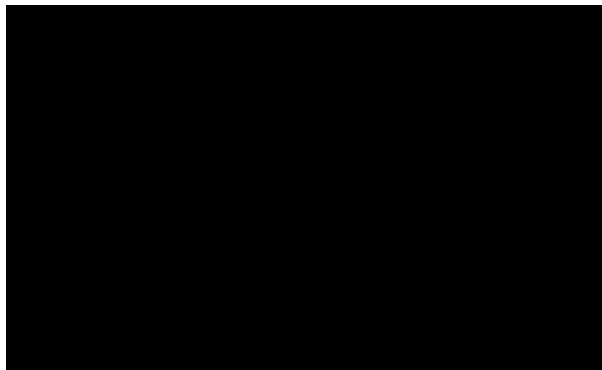
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Striped Grass Mouse (Lemniscomys Barbarus)



Country of Origin: Native to Africa

Diet: A good balanced rodent mix should be provided, along with various millets, fruit (apple, banana, grapes), vegetables, hay and insects such as mealworms and crickets. Too much green food may cause diarrhoea, however greens such as broccoli may be given occasionally. Sunflower seeds may be scattered or buried within the cage to provide stimulation, however these should not be fed in excess as these carry a high fat content.

Social Groupings: The best arrangement for these animals tends to be either in a mated pair, a trio consisting of two females and one male, or in a single sex pairing. Caution must be advised when pairing these animals as if two adults are introduced, they are likely to be instantly aggressive to one another. Therefore it is best to pair them as soon as they are weaned.

Accommodation: A large glass or plastic tank is required, with a secure wire mesh top. The tank should ideally be no smaller than 60cm x 30cm x 30cm. Course wood chips make ideal litter, whilst hay makes an appropriate bedding as well as food.

Gestation Period	21 days
Litter Size	4- 5
Weaning Age	20 - 24 days
Puberty	10 - 12 weeks
Adult Weight	23 - 41g
Oestrus (or Season)	Every 3 - 5 days
Life Expectancy	2 - 2.5 years