

Care instructions



So that you can get off to a good start with the cacti that you bought from me, I have created these brief instructions:

In these instructions I give valuable tips for caring for cacti that make it easy to get started with this hobby.

My plants are hard pulled, that means they are very well rooted and are only watered thoroughly every 14 days.

Most plants are shipped with bare roots, i.e. without a substrate. If you use a suitable cactus soil for planting as a substrate, you offer them optimal cultivation conditions. I am happy to recommend my own plant substrate to my customers, which is perfectly tailored to the cultural requirements of cacti and has proven itself very well. If you receive plants in pots, wait about 1 week before watering for the first time!

Since roots are always damaged when transplanting cacti, the substrate should not be wet. Otherwise pathogens can easily get into the plants and lead to rot. You should therefore only water about 10 days after transplanting.

The plant substrates should always almost dry out. Standing moisture is poison for cacti and should always be avoided! Cacti are masters when it comes to getting the last moisture out of the substrate and can thus survive longer periods of drought. In search of water, the plants form a dense network of roots and thus increase their ability to absorb nutrients.

Every 2nd to 3rd watering process - until the end of September - is fertilized. At the same time I also add my valerian flower extract. I use a fertilizer with a low nitrogen content (approx. 8%). If the nitrogen content is too high, the plants become fattened and unsightly. At the start of the season, I use slightly warm water for watering. That has proven itself and all plants start the new cactus year optimally.

Valerian flower extract ensures optimal flower formation!

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