

Dear Orchid Friend!

Now you finally have the opportunity to create the true tropical atmosphere in your own home.

The Orchid plants in this bottle are imported directly from Thailand and give you the unique opportunity to follow the plant while growing and flowering. These orchid plants are grown from seeds of the finest origin. The seeds are from the hybrid plant (the mother plant), where only the 40 most vigorous seeds, out of 1000, are selected for these bottles. This leads to the fact that the guarantee of the plants growing and flowering are 94% higher, if you carefully follow the below guidance on how to care for the plants.

In the open these orchids grow in the rain forest, 20-30 meter above the ground, in the treetops. Here the humidity is high, and the orchids are not exposed to direct sunlight.

GUIDANCE:

As long as the orchids are growing in the sterile bottle, they need no care. Place the bottle in a spot with lots of light, but where it is not exposed to direct sunlight - in direct sunlight the bottle will turn into a magnifying glass and the leaves will be burned. When the leaves reach the bottleneck, you must wait another 2 weeks before you take the plants out of the bottle. Due to the variety in the kinds of orchids, some plants need to be in the sterile bottle for up to 6 months – please be patient, and give the plants the time they need.

When taking the plants out of the bottle you wrap the bottle in a towel holding it over a plastic bowl with lukewarm water. Carefully hit the bottom out of the bottle with a small hammer. Take the plants out of the bottle and rinse thoroughly and carefully, under running water, the roots free from the nourishing jelly. In each bottle there are 3-5 orchid plants. Place each plant in its own grating flowerpot (made of plastic) and loosely fill the pot up with a mixture of sphagnum and bark – it is **EXTREMELY** important that you do **NOT PRESS** the mixture over the roots as there **NEED** to be oxygen/air in the pot – and the roots will subsequently grow out of the holes in the flowerpot. It is best for the plant to be hanging, but it can also stand on a surface. The roots **MAY NOT** be in water constantly.

Due to the high humidity in Thailand, the orchids' roots will catch the amount of water they need from the air. In American and European homes the humidity is not nearly as high – especially not in the winter time, where the air is drier due to the heat from the radiators – and therefore the orchids need to be dust watered 3-4 times a week, both the roots and the leaves. When the orchids flower they should be dust watered every day – however **NOT** on the flower itself!

PLEASE NOTICE:

Some kinds of orchids do not flower before the second year after being taken out of the bottle. In each bottle you will get 3-5 orchids of the same sort.

Should you have any questions to the guidance of care you are more than welcome to contact us directly in Thailand on siamtrader@gmail.com – we also speak English. Thank you for your interest.

