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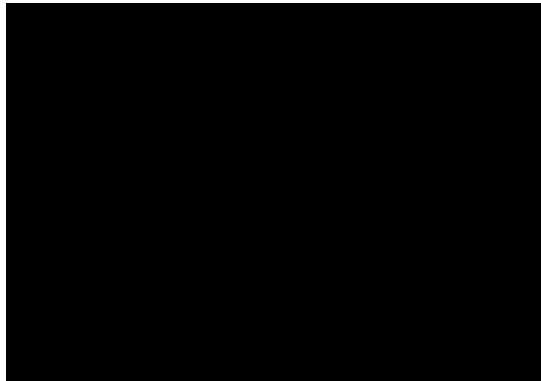
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Multimammate Mice

(*Praomys natalensis*)



Country of Origin: Africa

Diet: Should consist of a good Rodent mixture, to which can be added slices of apple, banana, broccoli, carrot, pear etc.

Social Groupings: These social animals are prone to get bored and depressed if kept alone. Multimammates prefer to live in colonies but would advise you to keep the sexes separate to enable you to keep the breeding under control. Both males and females will live in single sex groups quite happily. Young are born blind and pink with guard hairs.

Accommodation: An ideal home is a large glass tank as this enables a deep litter base, which would not be possible in a wire cage. Provide a deep wood shaving base with bedding of tissue paper, straw or hay. Multimammates are very active so a supply of plastic pipes as well as twigs/branches is ideal as is a nest box either of wood or plastic. Fresh water should be constantly available.

Gestation Period	Approx 23 days
Litter Size	6-12
Weaning Age	21-24 days
Puberty	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months
Adult Weight	60g
Oestrus (or season)	5 - 6 day
Life Expectancy	2-3 years