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Who we are: Amphibian BioTech, Inc. was started in December, 1982, and is derivative of the Amphibian Facility of the University of Michigan which was organized in 1964. The organizer of the Amphibian Facility is now President of Amphibian BioTech, Inc. but retains his University position. The principals, in addition to the listed officers, include John and Marianne Krasuski. The Green Cross Corporation of Japan owns nonvoting stock.

Our product: The major product of Amphibian BioTech, Inc., is frogs at all stages of development from egg to aged for research and teaching. Laboratory raised species receiving special attention are the African clawed toad, Xenopus laevis, the leopard frog, Rana pipiens, and the oriental firebellied toad, Bombina orientalis. These include three homozygous and six heterozygous, isogeneic strains of X. laevis. These breed true and, except for occasional mutations, each animal in a strain is an exact genetic copy of every other. Mutant and tumor (the herpes virus Lucké renal adenocarcinoma) bearing animals are available although a time lag may be involved in providing some of these. Other species of laboratory raised frogs and toads are also in stock or are readily available to us. In addition we carry and can provide live food items needed for the culture of these animals.

Our research and services: Our in-house research and development involves genetics of these frogs and studies of nutrition and food presentation designed to develop suitable nonliving diets for frogs.

We are prepared to supply high quality animals for research by others, to provide consultant service on the use of amphibians, and to conduct in-house contract research. Such research might involve problems of aquatic toxicology and hazard assessment using our aquatic tetrapods (four legged animals) rather than fish. We are prepared to undertake the evaluation of messenger RNA using the frog egg assay, thus freeing the genetic engineer of the need to set up this procedure in an environment where developing and keeping high quality gravid frogs may be a problem. With suitable forewarning we could conduct a wide variety of procedures involving the use of amphibians. This could include enzyme studies, production of antibodies in frogs, etc.

Our people: The President of the company has had long experience in the areas of developmental biology, immunology, animal culture and amphibian nutrition. The Secretary-Treasurer has done research on the role of immunogenetics and second messenger systems in controlling tumorigenesis and tumor-host relationships in mice as well as population genetics of Drosophila melanogaster. Our close association with the University of Michigan gives us access to specialists in many areas of biology and medicine. The other principals bring extensive building trades and animal husbandy experience to our team. Thus we have personnel and resources available to address a wide variety of technical problems involving the use of high grade amphibian material.

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#### PRICE LIST

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for

### Academic and Research Patrons

This Price List for academic and research patrons lists products available from Amphitech, Inc. The items listed are available now unless otherwise specified. The designation of time indicates the period of notice required prior to shipping. The symbol SL, means supply limited. Minimum order, \$25. Ask about quantity prices.

A full price list with descriptions of the materials offered is in preparation. Please send us a postcard requesting your copy.

At this time we particularly CALL YOUR ATTENTION to Xenopus, "Tubifex" and MEESA. A new concern has improved the design and is now manufacturing MEESA for us.

### WE WELCOME VISITORS

Item Availability Price

#### **AMPHIBIANS**

#### LEOPARD FROGS

Rana pipiens and other leopard frogs (Lab-reared)

While not yet available we expect a full line from prehatching to mature animals will be ready for market after mid 1984. This includes animals carrying the Lucke renal adenocarcinoma. Please inquire.

BULLFROGS (R. catesbeiana) 2 wks 4"-5" \$5.75 ea; 5"-6" \$7.50 ea; 6"-7" \$8.25 ea OTHED DANIES

OTHER RANIDS			
R. sylvatica, R. clamitans,	etc.	Ask	Ask
BOARDING (see below)			Ask
CLAWED TOADS (Xenopus laevis) (La	ab-bred)		
Embryos (also see Reproduct:	ion Kit)		\$ 6.00/100
Tadpoles, Early \$	7.50/25;	\$ 14.00/50;	26.50/100
" Mid	6.50/6;	11.75/12;	22.00/25
" Late	12.00/6;	22.80/12;	44.00/25
Juveniles, Post-Met	4.50/3;	8.70/6;	16.80/12
" Early	5.40/3 ;	10.50/6;	20.40/12
" Mid	9.60/3;	18.00/6;	36.00/12
" Late	6.00/ea;	34.50/6 ;	66.00/12
Artificially sex reversed		Ask	Ask
Adult - not tested for breed tested for breeding	Table 1		emale \$ 11.00/ea emale 14.00/ea
ALBINO - all stages			rice 120% of above
ISOGENIC AND HOMOZYGOUS XENOPUS			

From Kobel and Du Pasquier stock Ask Ask and from Katagiri stock

#### XENOPUS REPRODUCTION KIT

2 females, 2 males - hormone - instructions \$ 60.00

ORIENTAL FIRE-BELLIED TOAD (Bombina or	ientalis)			
Wild-caught conditioned				
Adults sex unspecified, \$	6.00 ea;	sex specified,	\$ 9.00 ea	
Lab-reared				
Embryo	2 wks		\$ 10.00/100 5.00/10	
Larvae	6 wks 2 mos		4.00/ea	
Juveniles, Early ", Late	2 mos		6.00/ea	
Adults, untested	SL		8.00/ea	
" , tested	SL		10.00/ea	
Lab-bred	Ask, SL	150% of Lab-reared		
Color changed	Ask	add 2.50/animal		
BOMBINA REPRODUCTION KIT				
2 female, 2 males - hormone - instru	actions		\$ 65.00	
ARGENTINE HORNED FROG (Ceratophyrus or				
Juveniles, Post-met	2 wks, SL	\$ 15.00/ea;	\$ 87.00/6	
" , Early		\$ 45.00/ea;	\$255.00/6 Ask	
Large	Ask		ASK	
AFRICAN RIDGEBACK (Pyxicephalus adsper				
Juveniles, Post-met	2 wks, SL	<pre>\$ 15.00/ea; \$ 45.00/ea;</pre>	\$ 87.00/6	
" , Early	4 . , SL Ask	\$ 45.00/ea;	Ask	
Large				
We can, on request, supply the following frogs:				
BARKING TREE FROG (Hyla gratiosa), FLYING TREE FROG (Rhacophorus				
leucomystax), GREEN TREE FROG (Hyla cinerea), RED-EYED TREE FROG				
(Pachymedusa dacnicdor), WHITE'S TREE FROG (Hyla caerulea),  AUSTRALIAN GIANT GREEN TREE FROG (Hyla infrafrenata) and others.				
CRIMSON-SPOTTED NEWT (Notophthalmus v				
Adults		2 wks, SL \$ 1.50 ea; \$ 17.00/12		
OTHER URODELES	Ask		Ask	
LIVE FOOD				
CRICKETS (Acheta domestica)				
Patron may specify Hatchling, Sm to all sizes.	all, Medium,	or Adult. The	price applies	
\$ 6.00/100; \$ 25.00/500;	\$ 42.	00/1000;	\$350.00/10,000	
"TUBIFEX" WORMS (Lumbriculus variegat	us)			
1 to 3 lb/order			\$ 10.00/lb	
4 to 7 lb/order			9.75/lb	
8 to 10 lb/order above 10 lb/order			9.25/lb 9.00/lb	
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MEAL WORMS (Tenebrio)				
\$ 0.85/100; \$ 4.05/500;	\$ 8.	.00/1000;	\$ 75/10,000	

#### PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### TISSUES AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Ask

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#### BOARDING

For 6 or more animals/group

Large (e.g. <u>Bufo</u> <u>marinus</u>, bullfrogs, axolotls)

Medium (e.g. R. pipiens, R. clamitans)

Juveniles (e.g. R. pipiens up to 12 mo of age)

For individual housing

0.08/day/animal 0.04/day/animal 0.02/day/animal

> Ask \$125/animal

# PATHOLOGY AND NECROPSY EXAMINATIONS

INFORMATION CONTROL

For demographic data For labeling animal (bracelet) \$ 10/item 5/animal

## EQUIPMENT, OTHER ANIMALS

AND SERVICES

MEESA (Michigan Environmental Enclosure for Small Animals)

Modular, sold in units of 2, up to 24 enclosures per rack. Ask for literature.

2 MEESA Enclosure Unit 4 wks

\$ 395.00

24 MEESA Enclosure Unit

4 wks

4,740.00

Ask

#### OTHER EQUIPMENT

OTHER ANIMALS

Our world-wide contacts may make it possible to supply your needs Ask Ask for amphibians not listed above.

#### SERVICES

Services range from consulting on the care and use of amphibians to conducting special procedures or research on contract.