



DUBIA ROACH CARE GUIDE

Roaches...What are they?

DUBIA ROACHES (*BLAPTICA DUBIA*) ARE AN EXCELLENT FEEDER INSECT FOR REPTILES AND OTHER EXOTIC PETS. THEY ARE EASY TO CARE FOR, ODORLESS COMPARED TO CRICKETS, AND HAVE A HIGH NUTRITIONAL VALUE. HERE'S A SIMPLE GUIDE TO MAINTAINING A SMALL-SCALE DUBIA ROACH COLONY.

Housing

- ***CONTAINER:*** USE A PLASTIC STORAGE BIN WITH SMOOTH SIDES TO PREVENT ESCAPE.
A 10-20 GALLON BIN WORKS WELL FOR A MINI COLONY.
- ***VENTILATION:*** CUT OUT SECTIONS OF THE LID AND COVER THEM WITH FINE MESH TO ALLOW AIRFLOW WHILE PREVENTING PESTS.
- ***HIDING SPACES:*** PROVIDE STACKED EGG CARTONS FOR ROACHES TO HIDE AND BREED.

Temperature & Humidity

- *IDEAL TEMPERATURE:* 85-95°F (BEST FOR BREEDING). A HEAT MAT OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER CAN BE USED.

- *HUMIDITY:* KEEP HUMIDITY AROUND 40-60%. MIST LIGHTLY IF NEEDED, BUT AVOID EXCESSIVE MOISTURE TO PREVENT MOLD.

Food& Water

- ***FOOD:*** FEED A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND HIGH-PROTEIN ROACH CHOW OR DRY DOG FOOD. AVOID CITRUS AND OVERLY WET FOODS.
- ***WATER:*** USE WATER CRYSTALS OR FRESH VEGGIES FOR HYDRATION. NEVER USE AN OPEN WATER DISH, AS ROACHES CAN DROWN.

Cleaning & Maintenance

- ***SPOT CLEAN:*** REMOVE UNEATEN FOOD AND DEAD ROACHES EVERY FEW DAYS.
- ***FRASS MANAGEMENT:*** ROACH WASTE (FRASS) CAN BUILD UP; CLEAN THE BIN EVERY 4-6 WEEKS BUT LEAVE SOME FRASS BEHIND TO MAINTAIN BENEFICIAL MICROBES.
- ***PEST CONTROL:*** KEEP OUT MITES AND OTHER PESTS BY MAINTAINING DRY CONDITIONS AND PROPER VENTILATION.

Breeding & Population Management

- *SEX RATIO:* A GOOD BREEDING RATIO IS 1 MALE PER 3-5 FEMALES.
- *GROWTH CYCLE:* NYMPHS HATCH IN ABOUT A MONTH AND TAKE 4-6 MONTHS TO REACH ADULTHOOD.
- *HARVESTING:* IF USING FOR FEEDERS, SEPARATE THE DESIRED SIZE ROACHES AND LEAVE ENOUGH ADULTS TO KEEP BREEDING.

WITH THESE SIMPLE STEPS, YOU CAN MAINTAIN A HEALTHY MINI DUBIA ROACH COLONY FOR FEEDING YOUR REPTILES OR EVEN EXPANDING INTO A LARGER FARM IF NEEDED!