

## Joshie's Dragons

### Black Soldier Fly Larvae Winter Information & Care

During the cooler months you will notice your larvae beginning to slow down and become less active, with little to no movement. However, this does not mean that they are dead. The larvae are simply reacting to the colder weather and attempting to hibernate.

Black soldier fly larvae survive in temperatures as low as 5° celcius for short periods of time. Many suppliers will only store their BSFL in a fridge as this in fact prolongs the life of the larvae.

So, if your larvae are currently sluggish or not moving at all that is completely fine, they are not dead, they are simply cold. If you want your larvae actively wriggling, simply warm them up prior to feeding your Bearded Dragon.

You can do this by:

- Placing the larvae in a bowl and then resting the bowl underneath a light source.
- By placing a heat mat underneath the feeding container until they are active.
- By placing them in a bowl on the warmer side of the reptile vivarium.

The main cause of larvae loss or death occurs when the larvae are left to dry out. If you are trying to keep your larvae for their full life cycle the best way to avoid drying out is by placing fruit and veg into their tub. The larvae will hide underneath, feast, and draw moisture.

We hope this information will help you to get the most out of your larvae. If you have any further questions, please feel free to share them and we will do our best to provide you with accurate advice under the guidance of our head supplier.

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