

## THE BENEFITS BEHIND BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE

Black soldier fly larvae are a high-quality insect feeder for:

- Bearded Dragons
- Fowl & poultry
- Aquatic species
- Insect eating reptiles
- Insect eating mammals

**BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE = BSFL (abv)**  
**METABOLIC BONE DISEASE = MBD (abv)**

**Black soldier fly larvae have alternative names including: BSFL, vitaworms, calciworms, nutrigrubs, reptiworms.**

BSFL are a nutritious staple feeder packed with many benefits for you and your dragon. Let's look at a few reasons why this feeder is such an exceptional product.

The larvae are active movers which is excellent news for fussy eaters. The larvae continuously wriggle, engaging curiosity and interest. This in turn stimulates the appetite. If your dragon refuses greens, do the sneaky and add a few BSFL for some action. This is good for all dragons, but particularly stubborn, fussy eaters.

When the larvae are consumed, they act as an antimicrobial which helps boost and support the immune system.

This feeder provides a rich source of protein and calcium. Unlike other feeders, BSFL contain so much calcium that calcium dusting is not required. This makes BSFL an optimum feeder in the prevention of metabolic bone disease. MBD is an avoidable, yet common disease found in calcium deficient bearded dragons.

Once the larvae transform to fly form they can be used as a feeder too. Release the fly within the enclosure and watch your dragon's natural hunting instincts take over. It's fun to watch and great sport for your dragon!

*During its final stage the larvae will turn to dark brown. This is a good indication that transformation to fly is imminent. Transfer the dark brown larvae to a separate sealed container. When they turn to fly, release them within the enclosure and let the hunt begin.*

Other feeders tend to perish within a short period of time which is expensive and frustrating. BSFL thrive for weeks and have no requirement for food or water.

When compared to other bulk feeders, BSFL require minimal upkeep and husbandry and omit less odour if the correct steps are applied.

Further to the cause, BSFL:

- Give off no noise.
- Are economical and sustainable.
- Will survive and provide for around 2-5 weeks, sometimes longer!

BSFL is a primary feeder and my first choice in rearing neonates through to adult. There is never, ever a shortage with BSFL. It is an abundant product at an affordable price. Honestly, I don't know any other product on the market that compares. This is why I not only use and recommend black soldier fly larvae, but I also supply the product.

Our product details are below, followed by a basic care sheet on BSFL husbandry and general advice. If you have any questions or comments about our product, please get in touch!

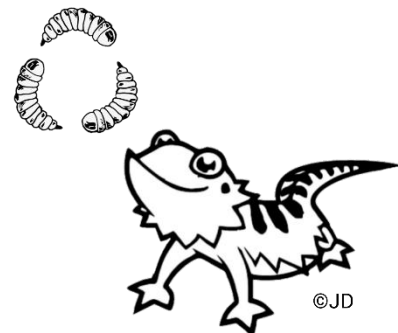
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**WEIGHTS & PRICES**

<b>LARVAE WEIGHT</b>	100 grams	250 grams	500 grams	1000 grams
<b>LARVAE PRICE</b>	\$12.50	\$27.50	\$50.00	\$90.00
<b>PRODUCT + POST</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$62.50</b>	<b>\$102.50</b>

**RECOMMENDED SIZE AND AMOUNT BY AGE**

<b>BEARDED DRAGON AGE</b>	<b>LARVAE SIZE</b>	<b>AMOUNT TO FEED</b>
<b>YOUNG: 1 – 3 months old</b>	¼ inch	20 BSFL - 2 x daily
<b>JUVENILE: 3 – 9 months</b>	½ inch	20 - 40 BSFL - 2 x daily
<b>MATURING: 9+ months</b>	¾ inch	10– 15 BSFL – every second day

- Black soldier fly larvae come in mixed sizes, in all different stages of growth.
- Always dry the larvae down with paper towel prior to feeding your dragon.
- Larvae size must be no bigger than the gap between the dragon’s eyes.

**Postage & Handling**

Our product posting days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. We do this to ensure our product spends less time in holding and transit, so it arrives to your door fast and fresh.

We use Express post only at a flat rate of \$12.70.

Standard post is unsuitable for shipping live insects.

Shipping to Western Australia is excluded due to excessive quarantine import and inspection fees, we apologise for any inconvenience.

**Return policy**

We have a no return policy on live feeders. However, if there is a problem with how the product arrives, please email us with supporting photographs for review.

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## BSFL HUSBANDRY AND CARE

The larvae can be kept in the container they come in or transferred to a larger tub lined with paper towel. Make sure the container is suitable, well ventilated and can be sealed.

Ammonia is an unavoidable byproduct that BSFL excrete. This can occur during transit and the odour may be present when your product arrives. If this occurs, use paper towel to dry the larvae down and then transfer to a suitable clean, dry, container with substrate.

BSFL do not require food or water. But if you wish to gut load the larvae for an increase in size you can offer fruit and veggie scraps. Keep in mind gut loading will expel moisture, which in turn creates ammonia.

Larvae expel moisture in hot temperatures. If the larvae become wet, they can climb almost any surface. The best solution is to dry the larvae down, again with the paper towel, and then transfer to a suitable clean, dry, container with substrate.

A suitable environment promotes longevity. Black soldier fly larvae are best stored under cool, dry conditions. Remove any bad larva and casings as they appear and change to fresh substrate when needed.

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