



Cricket

Facts:

Average adult size: **1/2 - 2 inches long (depending on age)**

Average life span: **8 weeks with proper care**

Will reach adult size in 6 weeks.

Diet: **Herbivore**



A singing cricket is a symbol of good luck in some cultures, and to many people their singing is a very relaxing sound. Crickets come in a variety of sizes that all need to be housed separately.

Feeding & Nutrition:

Food

- Commercial Cricket Food (*dog or cat food can be used*)

Water

- Fresh cricket quencher or alternative water source should be available at all times.

Frequency of Food

- Fresh food and water should always be available.

Housing:

Cage

- Appropriately size habitat for cricket to be able to move about freely.
- Place egg cartons in the habitat to provide ample hiding space for crickets; insert egg cartons vertically, leaving enough space for a food and water container; maintain good ventilation.
- Temperature gradient (95°F for the warm end/basking area and 78-88°F for the cool end).
- House crickets with other crickets of the same size only.

Substrate

- Vermiculite

Habitat Maintenance

- Clean water trough or replace cricket quencher regularly; clean and disinfect the cricket habitat when empty, but every other week at a minimum using a 3% bleach solution.
- Remove deceased crickets as soon as possible.

Recommended Supplies:

- ☐ Cricket Keeper
- ☐ Substrate
- ☐ Commercial Cricket Food
- ☐ Cricket Quencher

Note: The information in this Care Guide is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, please contact your veterinarian as appropriate.