



Cricket Care Sheet

Holding Container

Crickets should not be kept in their shipping boxes. The shipping boxes are only designed to hold them for about seven days. The best way to house your crickets is to purchase a tote from your local store. The tote should be at least two feet high, and have a lid with holes poked in the top. It is also a good idea to take clear tape, the type used to package items for shipping, and tape a line around the top of the tote. The top of the tape should be about two inches from the top of the tote.

Emptying the Shipping Container

The best way to empty your shipping container is to cut the tape at the top of the shipping container, and open the shipping container inside of the tote. If you do not open the shipping container inside the tote, you may end up with a house full of crickets. Take each of the egg crates out of the shipping container, and shake the shipping container until all of the crickets fall out. Leave the egg crates in the tote, as it will give them a place to hide and climb.

Note: During the winter months, it is best to allow them to warm three to four hours before opening the shipping container. Crickets go into stasis when they are exposed to cool temperatures. They will sometimes appear to be dead, but will come back in three to four hours. Dumping them while they are still in stasis could cause injury to the crickets.

Feeding Crickets

The best way to feed crickets is using our cricket feed. It is designed specifically for crickets, this way they get the nutrients they need to stay strong and healthy. You can also use other products that do not work as well, like oatmeal, corn meal, potatoes, carrots, and dog food.

Crickets vary widely on how much they eat. Things like temperature and size can have a huge effect on the amount of food you should give them. It is best to pay attention to how much your crickets eat, and give them enough so that there is always food in their tote.

Watering Crickets

There are many ways to water crickets. You can dampen a paper towel or sponge, and put it in the bottom of the cricket container. You can also give them water crystals. These water crystals are sold at many different stores in the gardening department. Just check the packaging to make sure that other ingredients have not been added to the crystals. For crickets that are over 1/4 inch, you can fill a jar lid with water, put some gravel in it, and place it in the bottom of the tote.

Retrieving Crickets

The easiest way to remove your crickets from a tote is using a paper towel or toilet paper roll. Leave a roll inside your container at all times. This gives them a place to hide. Crickets like to hide, and will gladly enter the roll. If the crickets are inside the roll, the only thing you need to do is get the roll out of the box, and take them where you need them.

Dusting Crickets

Some people dust their crickets with various supplements before feeding them to their pets. The best way to dust crickets is to take the paper towel or toilet paper roll with the crickets in it, empty it into a zip lock bag, put a little bit of the dust into the zip lock bag, close the zip lock bag, and shake it until the crickets are coated. After this, you should dump the contents of the bag into your pet's container.

Gut Loading Crickets

If you want to gut load your crickets with supplements that are good for your pet, you should do it within 24 hours of the time you plan to feed them to your pet. If you do it longer before you plan to feed them to your pet, it could end up killing your crickets. This is because when you gut load your crickets, you are giving them supplements that are good for your pet. These supplements may actually shorten the lifespan of your crickets.

Other Considerations

- The ideal temperature for crickets is between 80 and 85 degrees. Make sure that you keep your crickets in an area where they will stay at this temperature.
- Crickets are very sensitive to chemicals. Make sure that you keep your crickets far away from any chemical products, this includes things like hairspray, bug spray, paint, and cleaning solutions.
- Crickets like a clean environment. You should clean your container weekly.
- Crickets generally live between eight and nine weeks long. If you are ordering pinhead crickets, they are about two to three days old. If you are ordering full grown crickets, they are already about six weeks old. Keep in mind their lifespan when you are ordering them. Also, keep in mind that they will continue to grow after you get them. Crickets grow rapidly. If you are going to keep them a while, you should get a smaller size.

We hope that this guide will be helpful when keeping your crickets. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at support@buyfeederickets.com.