

LIVE CRICKETS

(*Acheta domesticus*)

PetWave Premium Quality Live Crickets can be added to the diet of many animals to support a balanced and natural nutritious diet. As active movers, crickets are also perfect for animals who are stimulated by the movement of live food in order to eat.

[Crickets](#) are suitable for feeding to the following pets:

- Lizards, including Bearded Dragons
- Frogs and Turtles
- Predatory Fish such as Large Cichlid, Barramundi and Oscars
- Insect eating birds
- Chickens
- Rats and Mice
- Spiders

PetWave Live Crickets contain (approx. values): 74% Moisture, 18% Protein, 6% Fat and 140mg/kg Calcium and 2520mg/kg of Phosphorus.

Crickets Quick Guide

Temperature	25-28°C
Moisture/Humidity	No condensation
Feeding	Daily



ABOUT PETWAVE

PetWave is an Australian online pet supply company that is expert in shipping delicate, live and frozen products to you and your pet's door.

We know that your time is valuable & you want access to reliable, premium products at perfect prices. We are able to satisfy your needs through our premium online offer. We are very proud to offer the highest quality and largest selection of live fish, aquarium plants and driftwood creations, a wide range of live food such as insects, frozen pet food especially for snakes, lizards, amphibians and birds of prey and many rare, creative and beautiful decorations for your aquarium and terrarium.



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Where Can I Keep Live Crickets?

Ideally, if you plan on keeping crickets for more than a week, they should be unpacked as soon as possible. The most economical storage containers tend to be plastic sided tubs (approx. 60+ litre) commonly available from most discount and hardware stores. The tub needs to be extremely well ventilated, as crickets don't survive long in high humidity environments (due to bacterial and fungal exposure) and they require a lot of air. As crickets can cannibalise, they also need places to hide. The most economical options are piles of egg cartons, paper towel and toilet rolls and/or corrugated cardboard. Paper towel and toilet rolls are also handy devices for easily capturing your crickets. You should provide food such as carrots and cos lettuce daily and even mashed up dry dog food. For more guidance on storing live crickets, please refer to our blog '[How to Quickly Build Storage for Crickets](#)'.

How Do I Feed Live Crickets?

Crickets are voracious omnivores and will eat almost anything. Choose foods that you would be happy for your pets to eat. Thoroughly washed fresh fruit and vegetables such as carrot, pumpkin, cabbage, lettuce, apple, etc are ideal to meet both their food and water requirements. Dry dog food or rodent pellets are also a handy staple. No other water is required but some people also add a saturated sponge to be sure. Replace the food and clean up any waste every day or two to keep the live crickets living space hygienic. Always ensure that there is sufficient food for the crickets, otherwise they might resort to cannibalism.

How Do I Feed Live Crickets To My Pet?

Place enough crickets to feed your pet in a small transfer container. Putting the crickets in the refrigerator for a few minutes can slow the crickets down, making them easier to catch for your pet.

Carefully take the crickets to your pet's enclosure. Be sure to not let any escape! Crickets on the loose in your house or garage can be disturbingly noisy and hard to find. Crickets should only be fed to your pets at a rate that they can eat immediately. If you feed too many to your pet, the crickets can establish in your pet's home which can create a small risk to your pet or their young. For more information, please refer to our blog '[Best Feeder Insects for Reptiles and Frogs](#)'.

What Is Gutloading?

Gutloading is the simple process of feeding your crickets high quality nutritious foods with minerals and vitamins supplements, so that the nutrition is passed to your pet.

Feed the [Gutload](#) to the crickets up to two hours before being fed to your pet.

How Do I Calcium Dust Live Crickets For My Bearded Dragon?

Your bearded dragon will need [calcium supplements](#) to help prevent metabolic bone disease. These supplements can be purchased as a powder and sprinkled on food immediately prior to feeding. For adult dragons, these supplements should be given once per week.

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What are the ideal conditions for live crickets?

Most crickets are produced at temperatures between 25-28°C. Crickets stored at temperatures outside of this may have reduced life. Toxic fumes can be very dangerous to your crickets including insecticides, cleaning products, dog shampoos, flea products, car fumes, smoke, etc.

Crickets life cycle is about 6 to 8 weeks. Therefore, large crickets generally can live for 1 to 2 weeks after arrival and baby crickets for 5 to 7 weeks (if cared for optimally).

It is worth noting that crickets moult five times throughout their lives, you may see the shiny white recently moulted crickets and/or their skins that have been shed. These can sometimes be confused with dead crickets.

What Types and Sizes of Live Crickets Can I Buy For My Reptile?

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Cricket Sizes:

- Baby Crickets
- Extra Small Crickets
- Small Crickets
- Medium Crickets
- Large Crickets



Packaging: Handy tubs & bulk supplies available in all sizes.