

Dermeid Beetle care sheet

(*Dermeid maculatus*)

What are dermeid beetles?

Dermeid Beetles, also known as, *Dermeid maculatus* or skin beetles, are flesh eating beetles classified in the Coleoptra family. Well known for their flesh-eating ability, Dermeid Beetles are commonly referred to as nature's '**clean-up crew**'. Dermeid Beetles come from the United States, however they are very versatile and adaptable creatures and can now be found all over the world except Antarctica.



Dermeid beetle life cycle

A dermeid beetle's life cycle begins as an egg, then larvae, pupae, and eventually transforms into an adult.

What are dermeid beetles used for?

In a process called 'skeletonization', these beetles eat flesh off decaying carcasses, leaving a clean skeleton exposed. Dermeid beetles are often used to clean dead animal skulls and carcasses. Dermeid also enjoy feasting on rotting plant material, dead insects and their faeces, as well as, food waste. Dermeid beetles can be placed inside live insect colonies to keep the colony clean of dead insects, insect faeces, moulted skins, as well as, old food and vegetable scraps. As a result, these beetles reduce mould and bacteria growth in live insect colonies.



Dermeid beetles can also be used as a live feeder insect for reptiles.

Read more on the [benefits of dermeid beetles as a clean up crew for live insect colonies](#).

How do you care for dermeid beetles

What do dermeid beetles eat

Dermeid Beetles eat scrap meat/bones, either raw or cooked. Use a [shallow dish](#), cardboard tray or similar to feed meat scraps to dermeid beetles. Dermeid Beetles can be fed cheap dry dog food as an affordable alternative to meat. Feed dermeid beetles an amount up to 5 times their body weight daily.

How to water dermeid beetles

Moisture is the enemy of dermeid beetles. Dermeid beetles will receive their water intake from their food source. To increase Dermeid Beetles breeding activity, extra moisture may be provided. Place a wet paper towel in their food dish, such as a [shallow dish](#), once a week for 24 hours.

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How do you store dermeStid beetles?

Setting up a dermeStid beetle colony is simple.

When not being used, store dermeStid beetles in a plastic container thick enough that the beetles cannot chew through. If storing [bulk dermeStid beetles](#), use a container at least 20litres.

Coat the sides of the container with [fluon](#) to create a slippery barrier to prevent the dermeStid beetles from escaping.

DermeStid beetles need substrate to burry in. Shredded paper, [shredded wood](#), cotton batting, or dry dog food will suffice as DermeStid Beetles substrate.

How to clean a dermeStid beetles cage?

- Remove the beetles from their enclosure
- Remove old substrate and dispose of in a garbage bag
- Wipe the dermeStid beetle colony enclosure down using a [veterinarian grade cleaner spray](#)
- Set up the enclosure as a new dermeStid beetle colony with clean substrate

[Read more on how to set up a dermeStid beetle colony.](#)

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Temperature	Room temperature
Moisture	Provided through food source
Feeding	Daily

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