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# Jumping Spider

*Phidippus sp.*

## Care Sheet

### Average Size

.25 - 1 inch

### Average Lifespan

1 - 3 years

### Diet

Jumping Spiders eat a variety of live insects including fruit flies, crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroaches.

### Feeding

Feed your Jumping Spider 1-3 insects every 2-3 days. Never feed your Jumping Spider during a molt.

### Housing

**Habitat** - Being from Temperate/Sub-Tropical environments a humidity of 50-60% is recommended. Consult your local store for specifics regarding your species. Provide plants and branches for climbing.

**Size** - An escape proof enclosure with good ventilation is key to keeping Jumping Spiders. Enclosure size will vary depending on the species and size of the Jumping Spider. Consult your local specialty store regarding a specific cage for your specific need.

**Substrate** - An absorbent substrate such as Coconut Fiber, Peat Moss, or Sphagnum Moss are recommended.

**Temperature** - Temperatures between 70-85°F are perfect for your Jumping Spider. Any temperatures above 85°F can lead to death. Temperatures below 65°F can also be problematic and should be corrected using low watt lighting or heating pads.

**Watering** - For Jumping Spiders mist the cage with a fine mist daily to every few days depending on species. Misting is used to ensure proper humidity levels and allow the Jumping Spider to drink from water droplets. With proper ventilation the water droplets should dry by the end of the day.

**Lighting** - Jumping Spiders are a diurnal species and do enjoy bright light. A lighting cycle of 12 hours on and 12 hours off is ideal. UVB lighting is not required but may be beneficial to the Jumping Spider and Environment. Lighting may also be required for any live plants in the enclosure.

**Molting** - Molts will generally occur in a webbed nest with the Jumping Spider inside. Feeding should be put off for at least a week after a molt as the fangs and exoskeleton will still be soft and damageable by prey.



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