Millipedes
Diplopoda sp.

Care Sheet

**Average Size**
1.5 - 11 inches long

**Average Lifespan**
1 - 3+ years

**Diet**
Millipedes will eat on decomposing wood, leaves, and fruits and vegetables. Pieces of cuttlebone are also recommended to provide needed calcium.

**Feeding**
Millipedes are scavengers and prefer having food available at all times. Replace fruit and vegetables regularly to prevent fruit flies and mold growth.

**Housing**
- Few species are found in dry woodland or savannah type habitats, but most are found in tropical areas and need a moist substrate. Millipedes all live in dark, enclosed spaces and rarely venture out except for at night. Offer rotting logs, bark pieces and stones throughout the enclosure for hiding spaces.

- **Size** - Millipedes can be kept in varying size enclosures from small plastic enclosures to larger glass enclosures depending on size of millipedes and number of millipedes in the enclosure.

- **Substrate** - Millipedes like a moist, deep, soil substrate (peat, sphagnum, bark mulch) that will allow for them to burrow and properly molt.

- **Temperature** - Temperatures between 60-78°F are perfect for Millipedes.

- **Humidity** - Regular misting helps to keep humidity levels between 60-80%.

- **Watering** - Some keepers will use a shallow water dish, although be careful of them potentially drowning.

- **Lighting** - Millipedes do not need any specialized lighting. Lighting can be added for aesthetic purposes.