

# BUGS 'N' THINGS

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Bugs 'n' Things is a 100% Western Australian owned and operated producer of premium live feeder insects. Established in 2002 we have grown steadily to become the preferred supplier of feeder insects to a majority of W.A. pet stores.

We also supply a number of wildlife rescue/rehabilitation organisations and many zoos/wildlife parks across W.A.

At Bugs 'n' Things our produce is proudly grown completely free of any hormones or artificial growth supplements.

## ARE LIVE FOODS FOR ME??

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When thinking of live foods many people assume they are only for reptiles but there are a huge variety of animals that require the insects in their diets or love them as a treat.

Whether you are feeding your pets or the resident wildlife, animals such as some birds, rats and fish will readily accept them as part of a balanced diet. Pet arachnids and some insects, such as mantids, require them as a complete diet.

Finding insects in the garden to feed your pets can be detrimental to their health, due to the risk of exposure to wild parasites and secondary poisoning from insecticides. Just because you don't use them doesn't mean they haven't been exposed elsewhere! Bugs 'n' Things insects are completely safe for your pets to eat in quantities that fulfill their nutritional needs.



# MEALWORMS.

## (TENEBRIO MOLITOR)



Mealworms are one of the easiest to care for live foods available. They are best stored in a refrigerator (approximately 6-8C) but please note that they will die if exposed to temperatures too close to freezing.

Whilst refrigerated they will be rendered virtually inactive, omitting the need for regular feeding like other live foods. The bran the mealworms come packaged with should be sufficient to sustain them but extra bran (or rolled oats) can be given if they manage to eat though all of their substrate. Care must

be taken to ensure the bran doesn't become moist as it will rapidly grow mould.

If not stored in the refrigerator the mealworms will quickly devour their bran, requiring additional food much sooner than refrigerated mealworms. Being the larval stage of a beetle, they will pupate and turn into beetles if not used promptly. They will also require a source of moisture such as some slices of carrot or apple, or they may cannibalise each other. Old slices should be exchanged for fresh slices every 1-2 days.

**Mealworms can also be ordered in bulk quantities from your local stockist...**



**Mini mealies are regular mealworms packaged at approximately half size...**