

Insect Pet:

Madagascar Hissing Cockroach



Cockroach Inquiry

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- Name your pet
- Find a suitable home
- Food preference
 - what do they like
 - what do they not like
- Interesting behaviors (hissing behavior)



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Suitable Home

Options: Glass jar, plastic container, terrarium

Avoid - bathtub, containers without a secure lid or with large holes

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What do they eat?

Just about anything . . .

fruit, dog food, meat, pizza, vegetables,
cereal, popcorn, chocolate, marshmallows

Things to avoid . . .

insecticides, rat poison, alcohol

What do they drink?

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Assignment

• Scientific report should include:

- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion and Conclusions
- Reference section

Important Information

- Not a pest - less than 1% pest status
- Will not harm you
- Will escape from plastic bag
- Nocturnal

Ways to get started . . .

- Experiment: try different types of food
- Observe your roach, how often do I have to do this?
- Utilize Internet sources

How do I take care of my roach?

- Minimal maintenance compared to other pets
- What about if I need to go out of town?
- Important information -
 - will not eat everyday
 - secure enclosure (Vaseline and lid)
 - offspring
