

Jumping spider care

The short version, from Little Miss Morbid in Richmond, Virginia

Her home

A tall enclosure, at least 20 cm high, with ventilation on two sides. She lives near the ceiling, so height matters more than floor space. Keep her out of direct sun.

Food

Prey about the size of her body, every 2 to 4 days. Flightless fruit flies for babies, small crickets and mealworms as she grows. Remove leftovers after a few hours.

Water

Mist one wall lightly a few times a week and she drinks the droplets. Never spray her or her web directly.

Molting

If she seals herself into a thick silk retreat, leave her completely alone. It can take up to two weeks. No food until about a week after she comes back out. The pale spider-shaped husk left behind is her old skin.

Temperature

Normal room temperature is fine, roughly 65 to 80 degrees. If your house is comfortable for you, it's comfortable for her.

The one rule

When in doubt, don't intervene. Most spider emergencies are keepers helping too hard.



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