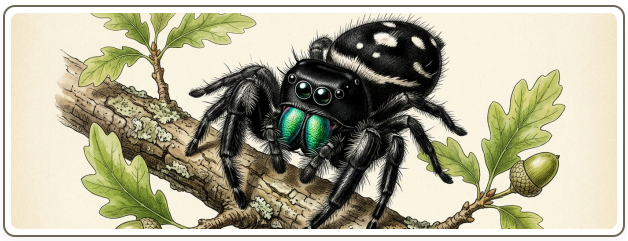
Bold Jumping Spider

Phidippus audax

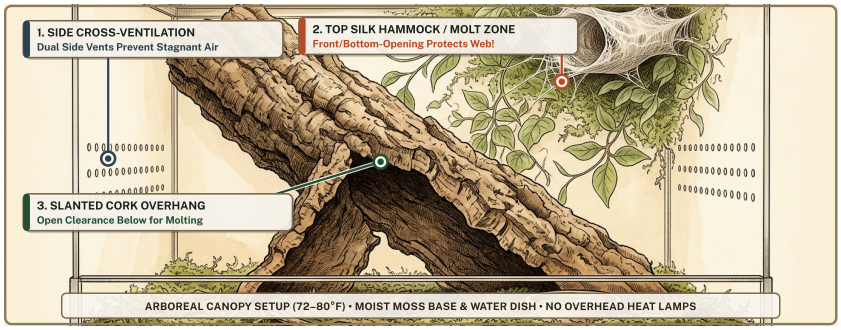
The Quick Version: With their fuzzy black coats, big puppy-dog eyes, and shiny metallic-green fangs, Bold Jumping Spiders are the 'octo-kittens' of the bug world! They hunt by sight during the day, tilt their head up to watch your face, and tuck themselves into a cozy silk sleeping bag every night!



LIFESPAN	ADULT SIZE	ACTIVE HOURS	DOOR STYLE	DIET
1.5–3 Years	0.5–0.8 Inches	Daytime (Diurnal)	Front/Bottom Open!	Flies, Crickets, Roaches

1. Cross-Ventilated Cube & Protecting the Top Web!

RULE #1: NEVER USE A TOP-OPENING LID — YOU'LL RIP THEIR CEILING HAMMOCK EVERY TIME!



Bright Daytime Warmth — Put a cool-running LED desk light overhead! **74°–82°F**

Normal Room Temp — Comfortable indoor room temps **70°–78°F**

Fine Wall Mist Drops — 1–2 light spritzes of tiny droplets on a side wall daily **50–65% RH**

Cross-Ventilation — Tiny side air holes keep air fresh and mold-free **Breezy Air**

Nighttime Sleep — Turn lights off at night so they go to bed in their hammock! **65°–72°F**

2. Two Ways That Work — Pick What Fits Your Home

SHORT & SWEET: BOTH OPTIONS WORK GREAT

Enclosure: Protect Their Ceiling Hammock!

Jumping spiders ALWAYS spin their silk sleeping and molting hammock in the very top ceiling corner:

OPTION A: ZILLA ARBOREAL MICRO HABITAT OR FRONT-OPENING NANO CUBE (OUR TOP PICK)

Front-opening doors let you mist and drop bugs in without ever tearing their ceiling web!

OPTION B: BOTTOM-OPENING ARBOREAL CUBE

Or flip a clear acrylic cube upside-down so the base is on the table, keeping their upstairs bedroom 100% intact.

How to Give Water (No Open Water Bowls!)

A jumping spider can drown in an open dish or even a giant water puddle:

OPTION A: ULTRA-FINE MIST DROPLETS ON ONE WALL EVERY MORNING

Use a fine-mist spray bottle to spritz tiny poppy-seed-sized water beads on one clear wall (never spray straight into their silk hammock!).

OPTION B: DAMP Q-TIP OR MOIST SPHAGNUM MOSS BALL AT THE BOTTOM

Gives them a safe place to sip moisture with zero drowning risk.

Give Them a Bright Daytime Light!

Unlike tarantulas that love the dark, Jumping Spiders are visual daytime hunters — if the tank is dim, they'll just sit in bed all day:

OPTION A: OVERHEAD LED DESK OR PLANT LAMP (12 HRS/DAY)

A bright, cool-running LED light right over the cube wakes them up and gets them exploring and hunting!

OPTION B: BRIGHT ROOM DESK (NEVER IN DIRECT WINDOW SUN!)

Big Warning: never set an acrylic cube in a sunny window — it turns into a greenhouse oven and hits 105°F in 5 minutes!

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3. Feeding by 'Booty Size' (Not a Calendar!)

CHECK THEIR ABDOMEN: SKINNY = HUNGRY • PLUMP LIKE A BLUEBERRY = FULL!

Young Jumpers Every 2–3 Days	**3–5 Flightless Fruit Flies (D. hydei), Pinheads, or Mini Mealworms:** Feed until their booty looks nice and round.
Adults Every 3–5 Days	**1–2 Small Crickets, Small Dubia Roaches, Blue Bottle Flies, or Mealworms:** Bugs about 0.5× to 1× the spider's body size.
Molting Hammock Do Not Feed!	**Thick White Silk Cocoon = Molting!** When they seal themselves inside a thick white hammock for 1–2 weeks, pull all live bugs out and mist the wall lightly once a day.

Favorite Jumper Snacks We Carry:

- **Flightless Fruit Flies (Hydei)** — Best staple for babies & juveniles
- **Small Crickets & Dubia Nymphs** — Triggers awesome cat-like stalking pounces!
- **Mini Mealworms & Waxworms** — Put in a magnetic wall cup so they can't burrow
- **Never Leave Crickets Overnight!** — A loose cricket can bite a sleeping or molting spider!

The 'Booty Chart' Trick: Spiders don't read calendars! Look at your spider's abdomen from above: if it looks narrow or slightly wrinkly, offer a bug; if it's round and plump like a little berry, skip feeding for a few days so they don't get overstuffed.

4. Tips, Tricks & Big No-Nos from Our Reptile Team

REAL-WORLD HABITS THAT KEEP THEM THRIVING

Decorate the Top 2 Inches!

Jumpers spend 90% of their life right under the ceiling! Stick magnetic ledges, walnut hides, and fake flowers up in the top 2 inches of the cube.

Leave Molting Spiders Alone

Never poke or try to coax a spider out of a thick white hammock! Just keep spritzing water droplets on the opposite wall daily until they pop out in their fresh coat.

Zero Perfumes or Candles!

Scented candles, room sprays, bug spray, and dog flea drops on your hands can be fatal to jumping spiders — always wash hands with plain soap first!

Invisible Safety Bungee

Before jumping onto your hand, they glue a tiny invisible silk safety line to your finger! Move slowly so you don't spook them.

5. Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

ASK US ON THE FLOOR — WE'LL HELP YOU MATCH EVERYTHING!

FRONT-OPENING CUBE & UPSTAIRS DECOR

- [ ] Zilla Arboreal Micro Habitat or Exo Terra 8"×8"×12" Nano Tall Terrarium
- [ ] Reptisoil / Eco Earth + Sphagnum Moss (1" bottom layer)
- [ ] Tall Cork Bark Strip, Twigs & Top-Mounted Silk Vines
- [ ] Magnetic Acrylic Ledge high near the ceiling

BRIGHT LED LIGHT & FINE MISTER

- [ ] Bright Overhead LED Lamp (No hot heat bulbs!)
- [ ] Ultra-Fine Mist Spray Bottle + Water Dechlorinator
- [ ] Soft-Tip Feeding Tongs & Soft Paintbrush

LIVE FEEDER BUGS

- [ ] Culture of Flightless Fruit Flies (D. hydei)
- [ ] Small Crickets, Small Dubia Roaches, or Mini Mealworms

A Quick Note from Our Team — Keep Learning & Ask Us Anytime!

The quick version: there's more than one right way to set up a great enclosure! As long as your temperatures, humidity, and diet are dialed in, your pet doesn't care whether its cave is fancy resin or a terra-cotta pot. Bringing home this critter is a **1.5–3 year commitment** — use these two pages as your home-base cheat sheet, watch what your pet tells you with their daily behavior, find a good local exotic vet, and call or stop by the shop anytime you have questions!

MY JUMPING SPIDER'S INFO

Name / Morph: _____

Current Diet: _____

Date Adopted: _____