INSIDE FLAP • KEEPER HABITS

## 4 Keys to Long-Term Health

**Small Daily Habits That Prevent 95% of Vet Visits**

### 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.

**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.



BACK COVER • TAKE THIS TO THE AISLE

## Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

### 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

### MY JUMPING SPIDER'S INFO & FEEDING LOG

Name / Morph: _____

Gotcha Date & Weight: _____

Current Feeder Size & Day: _____

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# 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!

### QUICK VITAL STATS AT-A-GLANCE

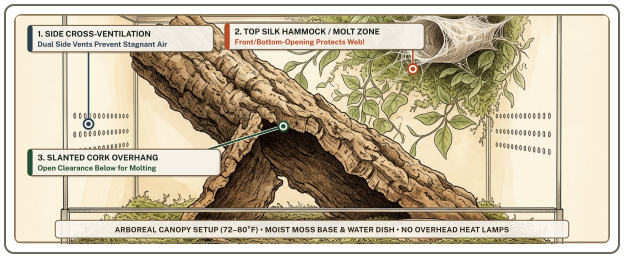
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| LIFESPAN<br>**1.5–3 Years** | ADULT SIZE<br>**0.5–0.8 Inches** |
| ACTIVE HOURS<br>**Daytime (Diurnal)** | DOOR STYLE<br>**Front/Bottom Open!** |
| DIET<br>**Flies, Crickets, Roaches** | |

OPEN FOR TANK SETUP, TEMPS, FEEDING & SHOPPING LIST →

STEP 1 • HABITAT & CLIMATE

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

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

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

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

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

**Thermostat & Gauge Rule:** Stick-on dial gauges can be off by 10°F+! Use a digital probe thermometer/hygrometer and always plug heating mats and heat emitters into a **digital thermostat**.



STEP 2 • STOCKED STORE OPTIONS

# Two Ways That Work

**Pick Option A or Option B Based on Your Home Setup**

## 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!



STEP 3 • DIET & NUTRITION

# 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!

**First-Week Rule:** Give your new Bold Jumping Spider **5 to 7 days of peace and quiet** in its new tank before handling or offering its very first meal so it can map out its hides and feel safe!