

# Alice



<b>Species:</b>	African Giant Millipede ( <i>Archispirostreptus gigas</i> )
<b>Habitat:</b>	Rainforest areas of African.
<b>How we look after our pet:</b>	A tank with lots of soil and bark. A heat mat underneath to keep me warm. Water sprayed onto the soil everyday. Leaves or fruit to eat.
<b>Food:</b>	Any fruit or vegetable. Maud loves leaves of any kind. Frankie prefers fruit.
<b>Characteristics:</b>	A long, black, hard body. 2 wavy antennae. Can grow over 30cm. Usually between 100-400 legs. Has 2 sets of legs per body segment.
<b>Why we love Alice:</b>	Alice feels tickly walking on your hand! It is really nice to watch her legs moving along just a few legs at a time—they move in waves!

## Alice's Story

Alice is about 3 years old and is Rachael's favourite creepy crawly. She lives on soil and bark chippings, has moss in her tank to help keep it fairly humid, and bits of wood to climb on, hide under, and even eat. She also likes soft fruit.

Some people call these Giant African Millipedes 'Train Millipedes', because they use their legs in waves to move along, and it makes them look a bit like a train moving along. They can grow really huge, over 30cm, and can grow over 400 legs. As millipedes grow bigger, they grow more body segments, and each segment has 4 legs.

In parts of Africa where they are found, they are called 'Songololu' which means 'roll-up', as these millipedes will often roll up if they are disturbed. Alice doesn't usually roll up, she is very friendly and happy to walk around on your hand. She doesn't hurt, she just feels sticky and tickly.

