

Elvis and Buddy



Species

Madagascar hissing cockroach (*Gromphadorhina portentosa*)

Habitat

Native to the rainforests of Madagascar.

Care

Elvis and Buddy live together in a large tank with lots of substrate, logs and hides.

Food

Elvis and Buddy eat fresh vegetables and fruit.

Characteristics

Elvis and Buddy are one of the largest species of cockroach, growing to 2-3 inches long. They are wingless and the males have horns on their heads.

Why we love Elvis and Buddy

They have beautiful tiger stripes along their back, emit a cool hissing sound and like to pretend to be Spiderman by hanging upside down on logs.

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Elvis and Buddy's story

The word 'cockroach' can make people shudder. But Elvis and Buddy are on a mission to show you that not all cockroaches are horrible and dirty! Yes, some cockroaches will eat anything, and we mean anything, they find lying around. But Elvis and Buddy are not like that! They only like lovely fresh healthy food like veggies and fruit, and this makes them very clean indeed.



In fact they hate being confused with the common house roach as they are completely different. Despite their armour-plated appearance, Madagascan hissing cockroaches are very safe and friendly. Elvis and Buddy are slow moving and wingless, which makes them easier to handle. We know they are boys as they have cool little horns on their heads.

Elvis and Buddy also have an awesome trick. They can hang upside down on logs without falling off, just like Spiderman! This is due to their special, sticky feet.

