

SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP



WHAT AM I?

Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches

WHERE WOULD YOU FIND US LIVING IN THE WILD?

We are native to the island of Madagascar, which is off the African mainland, where we are known to be found inside of rotting logs on the rainforest floor. We are one of some 20 known species of large hissing roaches from Madagascar.

HOW DO YOU LOOK AFTER US AS A PET?

We all live together in a tank with soil and bark and a piece of old wood so we can hide away and climb. We need to be kept warm and our soil wet, just like we would do in the wild.

WHAT DO WE LIKE TO EAT?

In the wild we would eat all the rotting wood, leaves and fruit on the forest floor, we keep it clean for the other animals. At home, we

like to eat soft fruit and vegetables, things like cucumber, apples and we even like to eat some cat and dog biscuit (don't tell them). We have a cuttlefish bone where we get our calcium from because we can't drink milk like you humans do.

WHAT DO WE LOOK LIKE?

We are quite big insects with 6 sticky legs to help us hold on, two long antennae and a hard brown shiny shell. You can tell we are boys because we have 2 horns on the top of our heads. We sometimes make a hissing noise if you touch our shell or pick us up.

WHY DO WE LOVE THEM?

They are very easy to handle by anyone and are very calm boys. As pets, they are very easy to take care of and require less fuss than some of our other pets.

OUR STORY

Hello everyone we are Snap, Crackle and Pop and we live at Lion Learners in Barnsley with our presenter Michala. Not many people can tell the difference between us but she can, and can show you all when you meet us. We came from Lion Learners HQ and were Michala's first cockroaches. We make hissing noises but we don't mean to scare you, we will happily sit on your hand and sometimes move between both of your hands if we fancy a little exercise.