

Élevages Lisard

Hornworm Pod Instructions

The hornworm pod consists of at least 50 eggs or tiny worms, and a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of dry hornworm food. Prepare your food in advance (see instruction on our website).

- 0** If the worms are already hatched, skip to step 1 immediately. If the eggs have not hatched yet, wait until they turn yellow and then add a tiny slice of prepared food between the mesh and the side of the rearing container, while you wait that they hatch. Then, when all eggs have hatched, proceed to step 1.
- 1** Each day, prior to feeding, remove feces from the bottom of the container. This can be easily done by simply reversing the rearing container over another container, as there may be some hornworms that will fall with feces. Pick fallen hornworms and put them back in the rearing container, then discard the feces.
- 2** Each day, put a small slice of prepared food between the mesh and the container. Adjust the amount of offered food in order that almost all the food is consumed within 24h. You don't have to remove old uneaten food as it will simply dry out. And don't worry, the hornworms will find the new fresh food easily.
- 3** Repeat steps 1 and 2, until the hornworms are around 1 inch long and no more than 1.25 inches long. At this stage, you'll need to change the rearing container. To do so, remove the mesh and put it sideways (to make an arch) in an opened plastic container.
- 4** Now in the bigger rearing container, continue feeding them each day by putting the food over the mesh. This way, the food will be kept away from the feces, which will fall at the bottom of the rearing container.
- 5** Again, don't forget to remove feces daily, as the more they grow, the more they'll eat and the more you'll have to remove feces.
- 6** Repeat steps 4 and 5 until the hornworm have reached the desired size.

TIP: Don't wait until they are all at the desired size to start feeding your animals. Hornworms grow really fast and, if you do so, you'll probably have too much of the right size at the same time.

Have fun growing your own hornworms!