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Giant Millipedes *sp.*

Housing:

House in a plastic or glass tank with a secure but not airtight lid.

It should be at least 18x12" so that when fully grown, the millipede may stretch to its full body length

The substrate should be an open compost such as peat and bark chippings and leaf mould. This must be kept damp.

Temperature:

Between 65-75F is ideal. One of the best ways of keeping a constant temperature, is to use an under-tank heat mat.

Feeding:

Millipedes eat vegetation and should include a variety, i.e. leaf litter, salad material and soft fruits, such as melon or banana. They will also benefit from a calcium powder supplement. Water can be obtained from a shallow dish or from a fine water spray onto the tank sides and substrate.

Handling:

Most commonly kept millipedes are perfectly harmless to handle when treated with respect. The easiest method is to let them crawl onto your hand. Their first line of defence is to curl into a ball but they should relax and walk around on your hands after a short time.

Always treat your millipedes gently and with care and your should have no problems.

Always wash your hands before and after handling.