

What Eats Roaches?

Any pet that eats insects is going to love roaches. Roaches have been on Earth for more than 300 million years. They have been hunted by predators in almost every country and still have managed to survive. Roaches are a very natural feeder for most insect eating reptiles, inverts, and amphibians. Let's talk about just a few of our favorite pets that love roaches.

Bearded and Dwarf Monitors are probably two of the most popular pets in the U.S. Dragons and Monitors need a good mixture of fruits, veggies, and insects. Till recently most of us have used crickets, mealworms, and other treats like wax worms. The problem is none of these feeders get large enough or carry the necessary meat to fulfill our dragon's appetite. A few years ago while keeping frilled dragons I got into roaches. It amazed me how well they were able to maintain their weight while using roaches compared to other feeders. Plus one roach was like feeding 4-5 crickets. Using the roaches was also key part in weight recuperation after breeding. Most people just let the dragon's pound pinkies or high fat worms that are not providing the necessary protein and vitamins. I really recommend that everyone should at least try roaches once before passing judgment on them.



Next we move on to geckos, another very popular pet in the U.S. My knobtail geckos were pretty picky and that one small cricket was not cutting it. Plus, since they eat nothing but bugs, I needed to make sure they were getting the best food possible. My females are fat and healthy and laying eggs as I type this. Also, babies can be very picky eaters. So far not a single baby has not started eating roaches right away. I have many customers feeding roaches to knobtail, crested, leopard, and many other types of geckos.

The invert community is the group most responsible for introducing roaches as feeder to all of us. Something about watching your giant centipede or tarantula attack the unsuspecting roach gives these guys\gals a rush. Before I started frequenting these sites I wasn't much of an invert guy, but I've done a 180 degree turn and want my own. I'm still searching for a good photo of a tarantula attaching a roach, but here are a few good pictures.



In closing, I wanted to show why I like roaches so much. They typically are born about 1/8 inches long and can grow to as big as four inches. This makes them the ideal feeder for every insect eating creature out there. We at Blaberus.com can help you get you own colony started, or just provide feeder of the adequate size for your pets.



Remember that there are a number of species that get much larger.