



# POWDER BLUE

*Porcellionides pruinosus*

The genus *Porcellionides* contains a wide variety of isopods. These pint sized crustaceans can be just for looks, but can also help create an ecosystem for a natural reptile or amphibian habitat. Referred to as microfauna, they play a janitorial role by breaking down organic waste. Native to areas in nature that are damp, humid and covered, recreating an isopod habitat is fairly simple. However you decide to display these unique animals, below is some basic care information to get you started.

## FUN FACTS

- Land Isopods are crustaceans that breathe through specialized air sacs called pseudotrachea.
- There are over 5000 species of isopods found on land around the globe.
- Females brood their young called manca in pouches under their thorax.

## LOOK OUT FOR

- This species can drown in standing water. Use moist moss as a drinking source.
- Excess food can cause mold. Remove daily and feed sparingly.
- To prevent overcrowding, colonies should be upgraded or split as they grow.

**Life Span:** 2 years

**Max Size:** 1.5 cm

**Care level:** Beginner

**Temperature Range:** 70°-85° degrees

**Humidity:** Low - Medium 60% - 85%

**Bio-Activity Level:** High

**Ventilation Level:** Low - Medium

**Burrowing:** Yes

**Reproduction Rate:** Quick - Moderate

**Behavior:** Active

**Conspecific Aggression:** Low

## Customer Shopping List:

- 5+ gallon tank
- Tight Fitting lid
- Substrate-coconut
- Sphagnum mix
- ReptiFauna™ Dried Leaves
- Cork bark
- Hygrometer
- Water Conditioner
- Commercial Reptile and Fish pellets
- Cuttle Bone