



*Hi! Artie the Antlion here — welcome to your new antlions! Here's everything you need to set them up and keep them happily digging.*

### SETUP IN 7 STEPS

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1. Open the shipping container indoors, away from direct sun.
2. Fill the habitat with fine, dry sand about 1–2 inches deep — use the sand from your kit, or any clean, dry play sand.
3. Give each antlion about two square inches of space so every one has room for its pit.
4. Gently release each antlion onto the sand — they won't bite, and they'll burrow fast.
5. Within a day you'll see their famous cone-shaped pits appear.
6. Feed 1–2 small ants or flightless fruit flies per antlion, about once a week.
7. Keep the habitat at room temperature, out of direct sun, and the sand relatively dry.

### FEEDING

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Feed each antlion one or two small ants (or pinhead crickets / flightless fruit flies) about once a week. Drop the prey near the pit and watch the ambush. Don't overfeed — antlions are patient and eat very little.

### WATER

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Antlions get most — often all — of their moisture from their prey, so they need very little water. It's fine to mist lightly around the pit about once every two weeks if you like, but keep the sand relatively dry: if it gets damp, the pit-trap won't work.

### ENVIRONMENT

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Keep the habitat at room temperature and out of direct sun. That's it — antlions are wonderfully low-maintenance, and they don't bite.

### WATCH THEM HUNT

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An ant slips into the pit, the antlion flicks sand to trigger a tiny landslide, and dinner is served — the best show in the insect world. Full guide + videos: [antlionfarms.com/antlion-care](https://antlionfarms.com/antlion-care)

### LIFE CYCLE

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With care, your antlion larva will eventually spin a sand cocoon and emerge weeks later as a delicate, lacewing-like adult — a complete metamorphosis you can watch right at home.

### TROUBLESHOOTING

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- No pit yet? Give it a day or two, and make sure the sand is fine and dry.
- Pit keeps collapsing? The sand may be damp — let it dry out.



- Can't find your antlion? They freeze and blend into the sand — look closely near the bottom of the pit.
- Not eating? Offer smaller prey and try again in a few days; they fast between meals.

### **LIVE-ARRIVAL GUARANTEE**

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