

How to Properly Dust your Feeder Insect

Dusting a feeder insect means quite literally 'dusting' the insect with a powder that has vitamin and mineral supplementation.

- Calcium helps with healthy bone growth
- Vitamin D3 allows the animal to better process and use the calcium supplement
- Vitamin A is involved in several ways by a lizard's body. Among other things, it helps to keep your pet's eyes healthy, and it appears to play a role in the development of some species too.

Remember to dust with calcium (regardless of if you are providing it in the gut load) immediately before offering the prey. Look for a product that does not contain phosphorous.

You want to purchase products that have Calcium and Vitamin D3 on the label.

- Zoo Med Repti Calcium
- Repashy
- ExoTerra
- Mazuri
- Fluker's

How to Dust

1. You add a meal's worth of crickets, mealworms or some other insect to a plastic bag or container.
2. You then add a small amount of the supplement powder to the container.
3. You then (gently) shake the container around, so that the supplement coats ("dusts") the insects.
4. You only need to add a light coating to the insects, so discard or re-collect any excess supplement in the container.
5. You offer the coated insects to your pet as per usual.

Be sure to ask your veterinarian for instructions on how often to dust your feeder insects. It can vary depending on the age and species of your scaled friend.