



Caresheet for your *Pericapritermes* SP. (3 pages)

Keeping difficulty: moderate (you need to have kept at least 1-2 exotics ants or other exotic pets (spiders, reptiles etc in order to transition to termites)

Colony form: Mating pair king and Queen

Arrival of your Termites:

- Queens & kings do not need feeding until first worker arrive
- They will be in a test tube set up with a source of food
- First thing is to make sure your queen & king is alive and store the test tube she is contained in, within a dark place away from direct sun light! Make sure temp is not above **25 Degrees Celsius** (room temp). If you use a heat mat make sure you have a thermostat and a glass thermometer to record temperature aim for 24-28 degrees Celsius for your colony anything above 30 will cook them.
- If you have queen & king with eggs/brood wrap test tube in tin foil and only check on her every 3-4 days for 2 minutes until her their first workers, come as they stress easily at the foundation stage and can eat eggs and brood and could die.
- Do not transfer the colony to a nest for at least 72 hours after arrival
- The test tube should be sufficient enough to house her for the summer at least the first 10-20 workers possible 30 plus.

- **Keep the test tube moist!** You can drop 3 to 4 drops of water onto the test tube every 7 to 10 days if it looks dry.

Feeding your termites:

- **Pericapritermes SP are mostly humus eating species humus is dead or decayed matter from soil, it is what gives soil its dark colouration.**
- **The food in the test tube should be enough to house the colony until they need to be transferred to a nest.**
- **Organic topsoil will be the best source of food/nesting for your termites and to provide consistent hydration I recommend a bottom layer of clay balls for your termites to help absorb excess water.**

Hibernation:

- **This species does not hibernate**

For transferring the termites to a nest, I recommend placing the test tube into the nest or connect it to the nest and keep the nest hydrated to attract the termites to move and keep away from direct sunlight they could take weeks to transfer they are cautious 😊.

Termite nests:

Acrylic Ants nests:

- Great for viewing
- Using acrylic nest, you can open the nest up and cover the nesting spaces with topsoil so the termites can nest having an outworld all in one nest can be useful

Natural set up:

- Probably the best set up for termites you can have it layered clay balls and organic top soil the termites will make their own nest how they want with the top soil, $\frac{1}{4}$ should be clay balls and $\frac{3}{4}$ topsoil.

FAQ's:

Why is my queen not laying eggs or brood not developing?

It is possible temperature is too low you need to raise the temperature to around 20-25 degrees Celsius so the colony will be "woken" up dormancy this is generally room temp of your average home. But for termites you will need assisted heating to keep constant temperature.

Try also not to check the colony too often in the initial stages once every 7 days is perfectly fine.

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