



# Terrestrial Tarantula



## OVERVIEW



- Ease of Care: Can vary between species
- Origin: Can vary between species
- Potentia Adult Size: Average 12-17cm (4-7")
- Life Span: Up to 15 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insects
- Handling: Can vary between species

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a suitable background temperature to allow the tarantula to function as normal.
- ✓ You may not see your tarantula drink but always provide a fresh water source for when it chooses to drink.
- ✓ Ensure the enclosure is well ventilated.
- ✓ Use 5-10cms of substrate to allow the tarantula to burrow and to provide a humid place for resting.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Thermostat: Mat Stat
- Lighting: LED Lighting (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding
- Water: HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl

## HOUSING

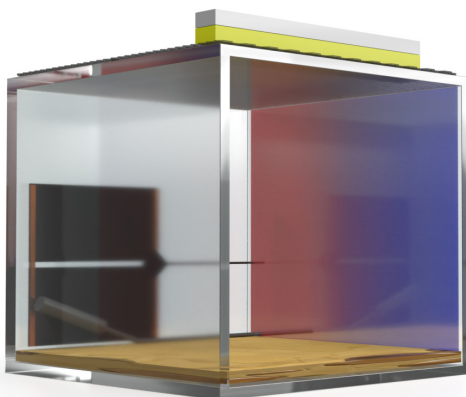


- HabiStat Spider Kit is the perfect set up kit for those just starting, and it includes the HabiStat Glass Terrarium (HGT3032)
- HabiStat Glass Terrarium (HGT4545)

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: Only if required
- Background Temp: 21°C-25°C (70°F-77°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-21°C (64°F-70°F)
- Humidity: 30%-60%
- UVI: 1-2

### Heating

Use a suitable heat and light gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Using a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the Terrarium running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1) will provide the needed heat.

Mat thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly, using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

## Lighting

While Tarantulas do not require UVB lighting, it is beneficial and provides a day/night cycle.

Place an Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit, ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S), or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit, ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) on the mesh roof of the terrarium. Ensure it is mounted correctly providing a UVI of 1-2.

## Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your Glass Terrarium, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Terrestrial Tarantulas can be housed on HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5). This substrate will retain essential moisture, helping to maintain humidity levels. The tarantula will also be able to display its natural burrowing behaviour.
- Wood for climbing and hiding under.
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the Terrestrial Tarantula to hide away in if it chooses.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure Tarantulas are offered appropriately sized insects.

**Spiderling** – Several appropriately sized feeders 5x a week:

- Large Fruit Fly
- Calci Worms
- Cricket – Hatchling

**Juvenile/Adult** – 1 or 2 appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – Large
- Locust – 3rd Hoppers
- Dubia Roaches – Large

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWS). To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as HabiStat Pure Calcium (HMC40), HabiStat Reptavite (HMRV40), HabiStat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A Tarantula can molt its exoskeleton several times a year, depending on how big it is and how quickly its growing.
- The best way to tell that your Tarantula is about to molt, is they often have a bald spot on their abdomen.
- The abdomen may also appear darker and shinier than usual before they molt.

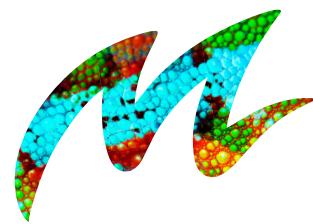
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Tarantula healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents / lid on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down inside the enclosure with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full substrate change	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using Habistat Anti Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface and Habistat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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# DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp Only if required	Background Temp 21°C-25°C (70°F-77°F)	Humidity 30%-60%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 18 C-21 C (64 F-70 F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						