

# King Baboon Tarantula



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Pelinobius muticus*
- Origin: East Africa
- Ease of Care: Advanced
- Potential Adult Size: 8 inches
- Life Span: Up to 25 years for females; 15 years for males
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insects
- Handling: Not recommended due to their defensive nature

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a few inches of substrate to enable the King Baboon Tarantula to burrow.
- ✓ Provide a sturdy water bowl for the King Baboon Tarantula to hydrate.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Thermostat: Mat Stat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water Bowl

## HOUSING



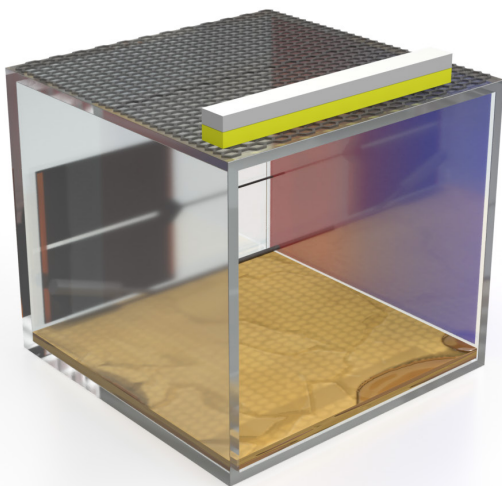
HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30x30x32cm (HGT3032)  
HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545)

The HabiStat Spider Starter Kit (HSSSK) contains everything needed to start looking after your King Baboon Tarantula, including the 30x30x32cm Glass Terrarium.

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 25°C (77°F)
- Hot Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)
- Humidity: 50% - 70%
- UVI: 1-2

### Heating

King Baboon Tarantulas are nocturnal, but still benefit from a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM1) on an outside wall of the terrarium running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1).

Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the King Baboon Tarantula. Insert the probe through the lid of the terrarium and secure adjacent to the heat mat.

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

## Lighting

Use the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller Arboreal 2.4% (RARTP8SA), or the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 2.5% (RARLZ14S) on top of the mesh of the terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturer's recommend distances providing a UVI of 1-2.

## Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE5).
- Wood/branches/cork for hiding and sleeping under.
- Live or artificial plant decoration to provide darker areas for the King Baboon Tarantula to use as shelter.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure the King Baboon tarantula is offered appropriately sized insects.

### Spiderling – 1 or 2 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 (HWM).

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

- King Baboon Tarantulas are not a species for handling as they are very defensive. Although the King Baboon Tarantula does have venom, it is not harmful to humans.

- Tarantulas can molt their 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.

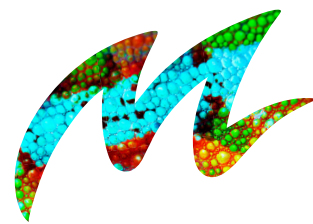
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



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

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents 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 glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	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 Not Needed	Background Temp 25°C (82°F)	Humidity 50%-70%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 22°C-25°C (72°F- 77°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						