

# Brazilian Black Tarantula



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Grammostola pulchra*
- Origin: Southern Brazil
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 6-7 inches
- Life Span: 30+ years for females; 10+ years for males
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insects
- Humidity: 50-80%
- Handling: Beginner

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Make sure there are few inches of substrate to allow the Brazilian Black Tarantula to burrow.
- ✓ Provide a sturdy water bowl for the Brazilian Black Tarantula to hydrate as needed.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Lighting: Not needed but UVB can be supplied
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, HabiStat Sedge Peat, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water bowl

## HOUSING

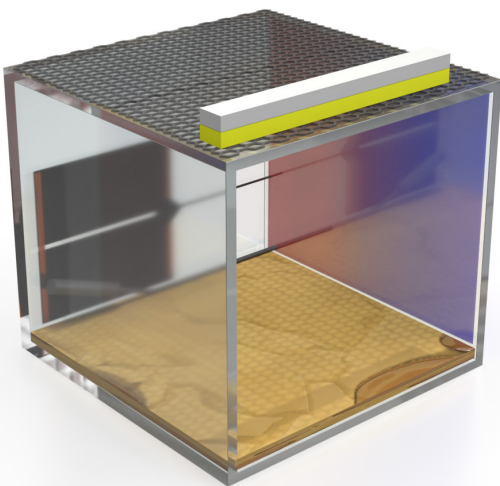


- Use the HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545) or the bigger HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45cm (HGT6045).

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Heating

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

- Background Temp: 24°C-28°C (75°F-82°F)
- HOT Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 22°C (72°F)

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat being used 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 Brazilian Black 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 2.4% (RARTP8SA) on top of the mesh of the Terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

### Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples. These will help with maintaining the required 50-80% Terrarium humidity:

HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5), HabiStat Sedge Peat (HSSP5), or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE5).

Wood/branches/Cork, for hiding and sleeping under.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Brazilian Black Tarantula to use as shelter.

## DIET & WATER



Spiderlings through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects. The Brazilian Black Tarantula should be fed in the evening/at night when it is most active.

A source of fresh water must always be available – this is best provided with a suitably sized water bowl on the Terrarium surface, like the HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWM).

## SUPPLEMENTATION



Brazilian Black Tarantulas need additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80) as per product instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Brazilian Black Tarantulas are very docile and a great beginner species.

Although the Brazilian Black Tarantula does have venom, it's not harmful to humans. They do also have urticating hairs which they can flick if they feel threatened. Although this is very unlike the species, it can still happen.

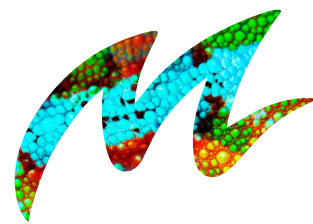
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



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

|         | Water                            | Substrate  | Enclosure   |
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| 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 Brazilian Black Tarantula, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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