



Scorpion



Origin: Varies

Size: 3-8 inches long, depending on species (full size in 1-3 years)

Life Span: 2-6 years with proper care

Heat and Lighting:

- Tank should be kept around 70-85°, in a consistently warm room.
- Provide 8-12 hours of white light daily (natural – via a window - or artificial)
- A low-wattage red bulb or an under-tank heater can be used to supplement heat.

Tank setup:

- Tanks should be 5-10 gallons with a secure lid.
- Provide a place to hide such as a half-log or branches.
- Mulch or coconut fiber substrate is recommended.

Diet:

 Insectivores

- A well-balanced diet consists of insects such as gut-loaded (recently fed) crickets, and dubia roaches.
- Food should be smaller than the scorpion.
- Feed 1-2 times per week, depending on dietary habits

Water and Humidity:

- A water bowl with sphagnum moss is recommended in order to increase the humidity and provide scorpions with water that they cannot drown in.

Temperament & Handling:

- Most scorpions are nocturnal.
- ALL scorpions are venomous and sting. Depending on the species, the sting can be mild (similar to a bee sting) to severe.
- Some may be particularly allergic to Emperor scorpion stings.
- It is never recommended to handle a scorpion.

Molting: Adolescent scorpions molt, but adults do not. Right before a molt they will hide for a few days and refuse food. They will be very vulnerable, so remove any insects from its tank. The newly molted scorpion will be white and extremely soft, and should NOT be handled. Do not disturb them or feed them until their exoskeleton hardens.