

# 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
- Humidity: 70%
- 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
- Lighting: Not needed, but UVB can be supplied
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, HabiStat Sedge Peat, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water bowl

## HOUSING



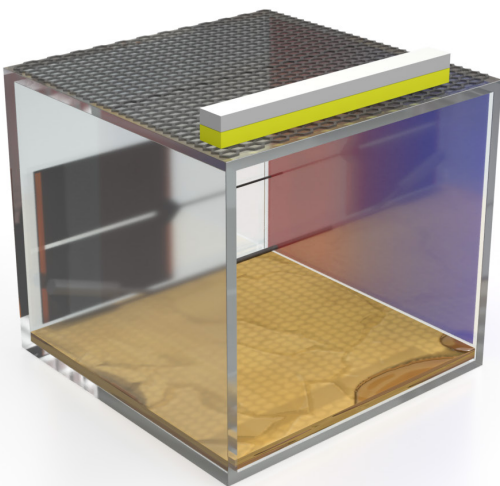
Use the HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30x30x32cm (HGT3032) or HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545).

Alternatively, 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



### 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.

- Background Temp: 25°C (77°F)
- HOT Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat 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) on top of the mesh of the terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturer's recommend distances.

### Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following to aid with maintaining the required 70% 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 to provide darker areas for the King Baboon Tarantula to use as shelter.

## DIET & WATER



Spiderlings through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects. Feed the King Baboon Tarantula at night or in the evening when it is most active.

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

## SUPPLEMENTATION



King Baboon 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 the product instructions.

## 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.

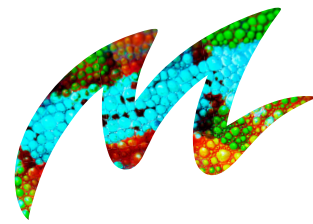
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



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 King Baboon Tarantula, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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