



Pink Zebra Beauty Tarantula *Eupalastrus campestratus*

- Pink zebra beauty tarantulas are a relatively large, terrestrial to burrowing species that can be identified by its reddish pink hairs on the limbs and abdomen and striped joints, hence their common name.
- A South American species, the Pink Zebra beauty tarantula is found on the grasslands and savannahs of Paraguay..
- Pink Zebra beauty tarantulas are a burrowing to terrestrial species that tends to be solitary and nocturnal, as with most other tarantulas.
- A docile and hardy species that is fairly new to the pet industry, the Pink zebra beauty tarantula has rapidly gained popularity due to its size and docile temperament..

Size

5-6 inches leg span on average.

Housing

Provide a sturdy, secure, and escape proof terrarium or enclosure 5-10 gallons in size with a secure top for a single adult spider. Spiderlings can be housed in an appropriately sized plastic container or deli cup with adequate holes for ventilation. Acceptable substrate to use can include pesticide free potting soil, Eco-Earth, or bed-a-beast 3-5 inches in depth. Decorations and/or other cage furnishings and hide boxes can also be included as well. A fairly small, shallow water dish can also be provided, and should be cleaned regularly. This is a burrowing species, and should therefore be provided with an adequate medium to burrow in.

Pink zebra beauties are a species that do best at room temperature between 75-80 degrees, or with a supplemental under tank heating pad if needed. They can tolerate somewhat lower humidity levels than many other South American spiders. Maintain at around 65-75% humidity. No additional lighting or heating is necessary.

Feeding/Diet

Most species of tarantulas are very easy and inexpensive to feed, with the Pink zebra beauty tarantula being no exception. Feeder crickets, mealworms, feeder roaches, and other feeder insects of appropriate size can be given every 4-7 days for younger spiders, and up to 10-14 days for adults. Feeder insects can also be gut loaded to provide additional beneficial nutrients for your tarantula. Uneaten food items after one or more days should be carefully monitored or removed thereafter.

Handling

Pink zebra beauty tarantulas are typically a docile and slow moving species that can be handled carefully so as to avoid injuring the spider. Tarantulas are fragile animals, and accidentally dropping a spider can result in the rupture of its internal organs and/or exoskeleton, causing death to your tarantula. These tarantulas may also kick urticating hairs from its abdomen and hind legs or “rear up” to display its fangs and front legs when upset or agitated. Although most tarantulas are not medically significant, with most being lesser than or just about equal to a bee sting, medical attention should still be sought from any apparent allergic reaction to a bite, or extreme irritation from urticating hairs from a pet tarantula.

Also be sure to practice basic cleanliness and hygiene associated with proper husbandry after touching or handling any animals or animal enclosures to prevent the possibility of contracting salmonellosis or any other zoonotic pathogens