

Cobalt Blue Tarantula



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Cyriopagopus lividum*
- Origin: Southeast Asia
- Ease of Care: Advanced
- Potential Adult Size: Roughly 6 inches (leg span)
- Life Span: Around 15 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Advanced (only if absolutely necessary)
- Humidity: 70-80%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide Cork Bark/Tubes in their enclosure for natural hiding spots

HOUSING

The HabiStat Spider Starter Kit (HSSSK) has a suitably sized Glass Terrarium for one Cobalt Blue Tarantula, as well as other starter items.

The bigger 45x45x45cm (HGT4545) would also be suitable.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

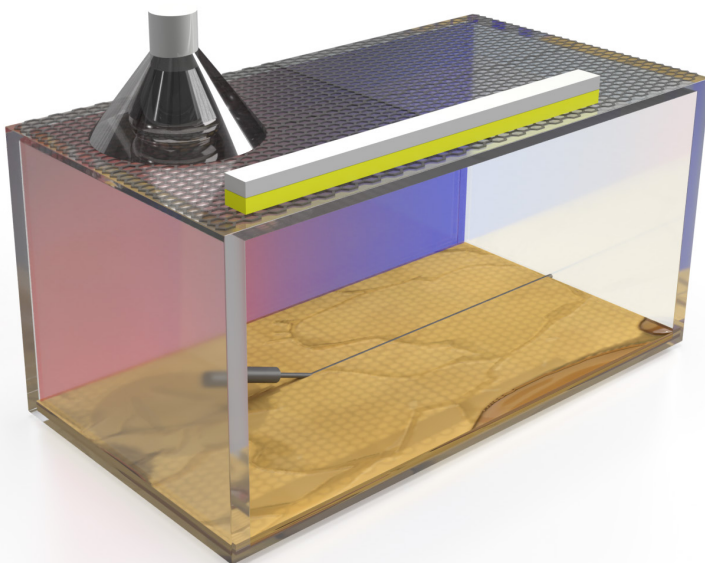


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Heating

Cobalt Blue Tarantulas (*Cyriopagopus lividum*) are an ectothermic (cold-blooded) animal and take all their heat requirements from external sources.

Heating a Vivarium

- Background Temp: 24°C (77°F)
- Hot Spot: 24-30°C (77-86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 24°C (77°F)

The HabiStat 75w heat bulb (HBB75) should be set up using a ceramic bulb holder such as the Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARTG75), which can be placed on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

The 75w heat bulb should be used in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDB).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

For overnight temperatures, use the HabiStat Heat-Mat Adhesive (HHMA17) on an outside wall of the terrarium running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) should the required temperatures drop below the recommended range.

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

Lighting

Place the Arcadia Pro T5 Kit (RARTP8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

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

Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS10), or HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Moss (HSM1) used within the mix
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Cork Bark (HDCB5) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

Ensure a Cobalt Blue Tarantula has a varied diet throughout their lifetime, with a mixture of insects.

Insects such as Crickets, Roaches, and Locust are some of their favourites.

Always provide a source of fresh water, such as the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist and spray the substrate and moss as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

The Cobalt Blue Tarantula needs additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80). Follow the on-pack instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This is definitely not a species for beginners due to their defensive nature – there is risk of a bite if they feel threatened causing injury to yourself or the Tarantula when trying to flee.
- Handling is not recommended at all for this species
- This is a burrowing species that is rarely seen unless hungry, therefore a burrowing substrate is essential.

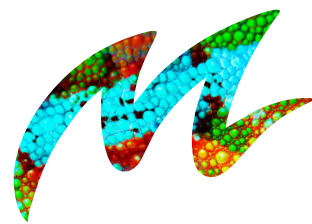
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Cobalt Blue 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 your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.



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