



Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantula



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Poecilotheria metallica*
- Origin: Southern India
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: Up to 8 inches
- Life Span: Up to 5 years for males, up to 12 years for females
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Advanced (Only if absolutely necessary)
- Humidity: 70-80%

TOP TIPS

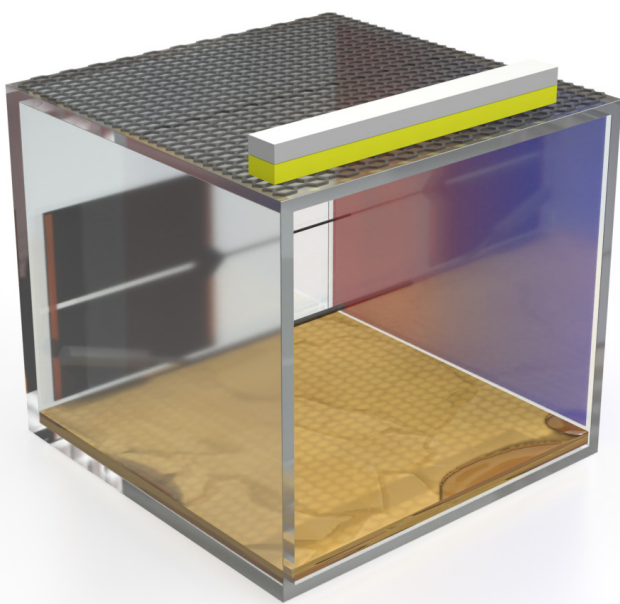
- ✓ To maintain humidity, add moss to the enclosure
- ✓ Provide Cork Bark or Tubes for natural hiding spots
- ✓ The HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) is an option to aid with the species humidity requirements
- ✓ Use a HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) to ensure humidity levels are met

HOUSING

We recommend using the HabiStat Glass Terrarium (HGT3045).

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Lighting: Arcadia Pro T5 ShadeDweller Arboreal
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding
- Water: HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl

Heating

Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantulas are nocturnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient within their Terrarium.

- Background Temp: 24-29°C (75-84°F)
- Basking Spot: Not needed
- Night-Time Temp: 20-24°C (68-75°F)

Using the HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the Terrarium should help maintain the needed background temperatures. The Heat Mat should be used in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1). Mat Stat 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.

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

Lighting

Use the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller Arboreal (RARTP8SA) on top of the mesh of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

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

Substrate and Decoration

- Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:
- HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5) with added HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) mixed in.
- Wood/branches/Cork tubes for climbing on, hiding, and sleeping on/in.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Spider to use as shelter.

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantula is offered a variety of insects.

Make sure to feed when they are most active, usually at night.

Always provide a source of fresh water, ideally something like the HabiStat Round Plastic water Bowl (HWM).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required. The addition of a HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) will also ensure the correct humidity requirements are met.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantulas need 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

- Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantulas are a fast-moving species - for this reason, it is not recommended to handle them.
- A Bite from a Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantula Can cause excruciating pain, nausea and cramping, these symptoms can last for many weeks! However, they are not known to bite, instead they would flee from potential danger.

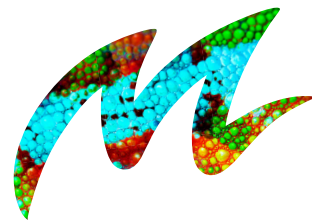
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Gooty Sapphire Ornamental 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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