

AUSTRALIAN SCORPIONS (Scorpiones)

There are thought to be over 100 species of Scorpion all over Australia, making their homes in the deserts, salt lakes and even rainforests. However, because they are all nocturnal, it's unusual to see a scorpion in the wild.

Scorpions are arachnids like spiders and have four pairs of true legs. They also have pincer-like claws and a sting on their tail. They are predators who live by seizing prey, however, they are not aggressive to people unless provoked or threatened.

Australian Scorpions are small, shy and have become a very popular pet. With the right set up, they are an easy and rewarding pet to care for. However, your scorpion will only be a pet to observe, as handling your scorpion can result in a painful sting!

HABITAT

A medium sized habitat (minimum 35x30x30 cm), should be sufficient room for two or three scorpions to make their home.

Scorpions are good climbers so your pet scorpion tank will need to be secured with a locking screen keeping you, your scorpion and any other pets safe. Before you unlock your habitat to feed or maintain, check where your scorpion is so that he doesn't escape.

Scorpions are nocturnal, but you can use a UV light in their habitat to be able to observe them.



ABOUT PETWAVE

PetWave is an Australian online pet supply company that is expert in shipping delicate, live and frozen products to you and your pet's door.

We know that your time is valuable & you want access to reliable, premium products at perfect prices. We are able to satisfy your needs through our premium online offer. We are very proud to offer the highest quality and largest selection of live fish, aquarium plants and driftwood creations, a wide range of live food such as insects, frozen pet food especially for snakes, lizards, amphibians and birds of prey and many rare, creative and beautiful decorations for your aquarium and terrarium.



AUSTRALIAN SCORPION CARE SHEET

Visit us at

www.petwave.com.au

For enquiries, please contact
customercare@petwave.com.au



ACCESSORIES

Your pet scorpion's habitat will need to be lined with about 8cm of substrate for your scorpion to burrow. The substrate material used will differ with the species of scorpion you keep. For scorpions from a desert habitat, sand is an ideal substrate. If your scorpions' natural habitat is the rainforest, a sand-soil mix will suit them.

You should maintain your substrate by cleaning and replacing as necessary, being careful to never use detergents or insecticides.

Hiding spots and caves may be appreciated by your scorpions, especially as they can be quite shy! You can also add plants and aesthetic decorations to improve the look of your habitat.



Choose your substrate based on scorpion type

LIFE SPAN

Australian Scorpions can live up to 10 years, but 3 years is more common in captivity.



Your scorpion will eat live prey

FOOD

In the wild, your scorpion will crush, kill and eat [live prey such as small insects](#). Your pet scorpion can be fed a variety of live prey, such as [crickets](#), [woodies](#), black soldier fly larvae and mealworms. Depending on the size of your scorpions, they should be fed once or twice a fortnight (and more regularly if they are particularly active).

[Gut-loading insects](#) prior to feeding is recommended, as this can help your scorpion's diet to be highly nutritious and ensure they are receiving the necessary nutrients. Gut-loading involves pre-feeding your live insects so that they can pass the additional nutrients on to your scorpion. You should also provide a strong, sturdy water dish with a shallow amount of water for your scorpions to drink from. If you have multiple scorpions in your habitat, provide multiple shallow water dishes. Clean the water dishes and provide fresh water daily.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Your pet scorpion is cold-blooded, so he will need additional heat that you can provide with a heat lamp or pad. Ideally, this will be on one end of your habitat, providing a temperature gradient for your scorpion's comfort.

The best temperature to aim for in your scorpion terrarium kit is 25°C, ideally around the clock and all year. The temperature should never be hotter than 30°C. To successfully monitor your habitat's temperature, keep thermometers and monitor daily.

Your scorpions require a humid environment across the year, which can be achieved by keeping a damp sponge permanently in the habitat. This can be adjusted as needed to find the right size scorpion sponge for your habitat, to create humidity without creating condensation.



You can keep two or three scorpions in a medium enclosure