

Caring for Your Pet Scorpion

Congratulations on becoming a scorpion owner!

Respect Your Pet

Scorpions are some of the deadliest creatures on Earth. About 40 species have enough venom to kill a person. Scorpions sting over one million people each year and kill 3,250. These arachnids can live up to 15 years. Following some simple steps will ensure that you and your scorpion live long happy lives.

Welcome Home

Have a sturdy enclosure ready to welcome your pet home. Place at least five inches of soil or sand in the cage. Scorpions are nocturnal creatures and burrow underground during the day. They could die without soil. Keep the temperature at about 80 degrees. It's true that scientists have frozen scorpions overnight and thawed them in the sun the next day. But please don't even think about experimenting with your pet. Scorpions prefer warmth.

Feeding Your Scorpion

A scorpion can live up to a year on one meal but prefers to eat every two or three weeks. It will consume anything from an insect to a mouse. Don't be surprised if your new pet turns his entrée into a smoothie. They inject their prey with a substance that turns the victims' insides to mush.

Scorpions have been around for hundreds of millions of years. If you take care of yours, it can be a survivor too.