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Desert Hairy Scorpion

Hadrurus arizonensis

Lifespan: Up to 25 years.

Size: Up to 6 inches in length.

Sexing: When sexing scorpions, it is best to examine the Pectines - these are small comb-like appendages on the abdomen (underside) of the scorpion. In males, these are larger and more prominent, although it may take some experience comparing males and females to use this as a reliable indicator.

Enclosure: For one scorpion, a standard 10-gallon all-glass aquarium with a screen top is adequate. Do not house these scorpions together, as they will fight.

Hiding/Climbing Spots: One or more hiding spots should be available for each scorpion.
Pisces recommends: *Exo Terra Hiding Caves*.

Humidity: The enclosure should be well ventilated to keep the humidity moderate (Up to 40%). Use a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level.

Substrate: The bottom of the enclosure should have a thick layer of desert sand. **Pisces recommends:** *ExoTerra Desert Sand in Yellow*.

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 21 °C at night to as high as 29 °C during the day (70 °F to 85 °F). Use a heat bulb on one portion of the tank so the animal can escape the warm area if they need to. **Pisces recommends:** *ExoTerra bulbs and fixtures*.

Feeding: Crickets are the staple diet for scorpions. They should be offered 1-2 times per week.

Vitamins & Supplements: Dust crickets with a vitamin powder supplement every other feeding. **Pisces recommends:** *Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin*.

Handling: Do not handle your scorpion unless absolutely necessary. If need be, pick up the scorpion by the base of the stinger very gently. Make sure to keep your fingers away from the actual stinger. These are aggressive scorpions and will sting you if they get the chance. If stung, see a doctor immediately.

Safe Handling of Reptiles*: As with all living creatures, reptiles can carry microorganisms (including Salmonella) which can make people ill. To reduce the chances of infection, always follow these safe handling steps:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly after you handle your pet, its food and anything it has touched.
- Keep your pet in a habitat designed for it; do not let your pet reptile roam around the home without proper supervision.
- Keep your pet, its food dishes and cage components out of the kitchen.
- Don't nuzzle or kiss your pet.
- Infants, children under 5 years of age, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with a compromised immune system have a greater risk of infection. Extra caution should be taken when they are in contact with any animal. Children under 5 should handle reptiles only under adult/parent supervision.

Recommended Books: Pisces recommends *Scorpions* (Barron's Books).

Recommended Supplies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Glass terrarium ❑ Screen top ❑ Hiding cave or rock ❑ Misting bottle ❑ Plantation Soil ❑ Small Shallow Water Dish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Crickets ❑ Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin ❑ Rep-Cal Calcium Supplement ❑ Thermometer ❑ Hygrometer |
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Your New Pet: It is the responsibility of any pet owner to provide their pet with regular veterinary care to maintain their pet's health and to prevent illness.

Should you experience any problems with your new pet, contact Pisces Pet Emporium. We will make every effort to assist you but we may refer you to a qualified veterinarian if the problem is beyond our ability to treat.

A pet is a large responsibility and should not be purchased without due consideration. Pets should never be released into the wild.



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