



## Cave Claw Scorpion Care Sheet

**Species Name:**

*Pandinus viatoris*

**Adult Size:**

4-6 Inches

**Lifespan:**

6-7 years

**Breeding Age:**

2-3 years



Cave claw scorpions, often associated with dark, subterranean realms, inhabit cave systems and rocky environments worldwide. These arachnids, adapted to low-light conditions, possess specialized sensory organs and heightened sensitivity to vibrations, aiding in navigation and hunting in the dimly lit confines. Their appearance varies, but many species exhibit pale coloration and elongated pincers ideal for grasping prey in tight spaces. Some species may dwell in colonies, displaying unique social behaviours and cooperative hunting tactics.

Despite their elusive nature, cave claw scorpions play vital roles in cave ecosystems, preying on insects and maintaining ecological balance within their subterranean realms.

## **Housing:**

**Enclosure:** As terrestrial creatures your Cave Claw Scorpion will enjoy a vivarium which is longer than it is tall, a 60x45x45cm glass terrarium is ideal.

**Substrate:** Using a substrate that retains moisture is important for this scorpion, ideally a mix of orchid bark and a loose substrate like coconut coir or moss.

## **Temperature:**

Maintain a basking spot temperature of 28-30°C.

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 22-25°C.

Use a heat source like a basking light and a heat mat for heating.

Night time temperatures can drop to 18-21°C.

## **Lighting:**

Cave Clawed Scorpions do not require any UVB lighting however, they will benefit from a 10-12-hour day/night cycle. For a cool effect at night, you can shine an LED light on your scorpion and see that it will glow in the dark!

## **Diet:**

**Feeding:** Offer a varied diet of insects (locusts, crickets, and worms) every 2-3 days



### **Humidity and Hydration:**

A humidity of 70-80% should be maintained.

Provide a shallow dish for drinking water or a dish with bug gel to allow the scorpion to drink droplets from the surface. Mist the enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity levels and aid in shedding.

### **Enrichment and Handling:**

Place hiding spots, rocks, and branches for climbing to create a stimulating environment.

Provide a secure hide for them to retreat and feel safe.

### **Health Considerations:**

Regularly monitor for signs of illness, such as lethargy, changes in appetite, or difficulty shedding.

Quarantine new reptiles before introducing them to existing enclosures.

Remember that the care requirements for Cave Claw Scorpion may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your animals behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.