



Gold Large Claw Scorpion Care Sheet

Species Name:

Scorpio maurus

Adult Size:

6-7cm

Lifespan:

Up to years

Breeding Age:

2-3 years



Scorpio maurus, commonly known as the gold large claw scorpion, is a striking arachnid species native to the Middle East, particularly found in Israel and neighbouring regions. This scorpion is renowned for its robust build, typically measuring around 6-7 centimetres in length, with a distinctive golden-brown to yellowish colouration. Its body is adorned with granular texture and has pronounced pincers, complemented by a venomous tail capable of delivering a potent sting. *S. maurus* is nocturnal, preferring dry and arid habitats, where it hunts insects and small vertebrates. Despite its intimidating appearance, its venom is seldom life-threatening to humans, though caution is always advised.

Housing:

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

Substrate: Using a substrate that is dry is important for this scorpion, ideally a soil sand mix which allows them to burrow.

Temperature:

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

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 24-28°C.

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

Night time temperatures can drop to 21°C.

Lighting:

Gold Large Claw 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 50-60% 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 Gold Large Claw Scorpion may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your animal's behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.