

EMPEROR SCORPION

Behavior: The emperor scorpion is a nocturnal scorpion that can be found in tropical forests. They are venomous and a sting can be mild to severe if allergic. Handle them as little as possible, when handling use gloves or forceps but be gentle as they are delicate. Canning them is probably the best method if they have to be moved, get an empty container and coax them into it. They can live in groups of 3 or more as long as there is enough room and food, although some will become very aggressive and territorial so keeping them separated is recommended. They will glow green under a black light.

Experience Level: Intermediate.

Adult Size: 3 to 8 inches.

Life Expectancy: 2 to 6 years.

Ambient Temperature: 80F.

Basking Temperature: 90F.

Light: UV light can be harmful to scorpions. Providing a day/night cycle with white light is important, for night time viewing use a black or infrared light.

Humidity: 60-80%

Food: Crickets, mealworms, waxworms. Juveniles should be fed every day and adults every other day.

Minimum Cage Size: 10 gallon.

Habitat: Provide lots of hiding areas and vegetation, keep at least 1 hide away from the heat source.

Substrate: Mulch, bark, moss.

Maintenance: Change water daily and mist several times a day to maintain high humidity. Do a full cage cleaning once a month.

Basic Requirements: Enclosure with secure lid, undertank heater and/or heat lamp, substrate, water dish, thermometer, hygrometer, spray mister, decorations & vegetation, vitamin/mineral supplements.

