

# Husbandry Data Sheet

**Common Name:** *Chilean Rose Hair Tarantula* **Latin Name:** *Grammostola gala*

**Family:** Theraphosidae

**Order:** Araneae

**Class:** Arachnida

**Phylum:** Arthropoda

**Natural History:** These tarantulas are found in Chile. This Tarantula will live in a shallow burrow and likes a scrubland type environment. The Rose Hair Tarantula is a moderately large tarantula. Although they are rather dark in coloring, there is a subtle rose casting on the hair, which is where the name comes from. They get up to about 5 inches (12.5cm) with legs extended.

**Permits Required:** No

**Life Stage:** Adult

**Ease of Care:** Moderate

## Housing:

**Temp:** 75 to 85 degrees

**Humidity:** 80 % and up

**Substrate:** Bedabest, and/or ZooMed Lab, Eco-Earth-compressed coconut fibers, logs, rocks, succulents

**# of Animals per Exhibit:** 1

**Choose One:** Solitary

**Compatible Species:** none

**Enclosure Description:** 10 gallon

**Lighting/Photoperiod:** do not need full spectrum lighting

**Furniture/Props:**

**Escape Concerns:** Lid kept on tank to prevent them from escaping

**Other Concerns/Precautions:** Heating pad used to ensure warm area if it was cold out, because animal was kept in outdoor exhibit. Tank was placed on top of heating pad.

## Husbandry

**Diet/Frequency of Feeding:** 2 crickets twice a week. Can also receive pinky mice occasionally

**Water Source/Frequency:** Sponge soaked in water changed daily. Also they are misted daily with distilled water (to prevent mineral deposit on tank glass)

**Care:** Daily

**Enrichment:** none

**Medical/Health Concerns:**

**Treatment:**

**Keeper Safety:** animal is very docile, not aggressive

**Other Concerns/Precautions:**

## Education

**Do you handle species directly with the guests?** :No

**If Yes or No how do you use the species with the guest:** animal viewed in tank

**Conservation/Population Status:** not threatened

**Message:**

**Personal Comments:**

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