

Rose Hair Tarantula



What do we look like?

The Chilean Rose Hair Tarantula is my true name but Rose Hair for short. We are actually moderately large-sized spiders, with leg spans of up to 5 inches. We reach adulthood in 3-4 years. Like all members of the Arachnid family, we have 8 legs. We are brown to black in color, but our entire body is covered by a coat of reddish-orange to pink colored hair. The combination makes us a subtle rose color. Males have longer legs and are fuzzier than females.



Where do we come from?

We originate from Chile, South America, which is why we are called Chilean Rose Hair Tarantulas. You can also find us in the dry scrublands and deserts of other South American countries like Bolivia and Argentina. We only are active at night, so we don't like bright lights. We do like our habitats to be slightly moist with temperatures around 80 degrees Fahrenheit.



What do we eat?

We eat a variety of insects including crickets, grasshoppers, locusts, roaches, wax worms and mealworms. We eat once or twice a week. Sometimes we even like to eat pinky mice, but that rarely happens. There are some of us who will eat a lot at one sitting then not eat for weeks.



Cool facts about us...

- I don't have any bones, but I do have an exoskeleton that acts as armor.
- As I grow up, my exoskeleton doesn't grow with me, so I have to shed it every so often and grow a completely new exoskeleton. This process is called molting.
- When I molt I lie on my back and "play" dead while I pull myself out of what looks like an entire shell.
- Because I'm so good-natured, I make a great pet for people who enjoy tarantulas.



This what I look like after I molt



Can you see my old exoskeleton in the background?

