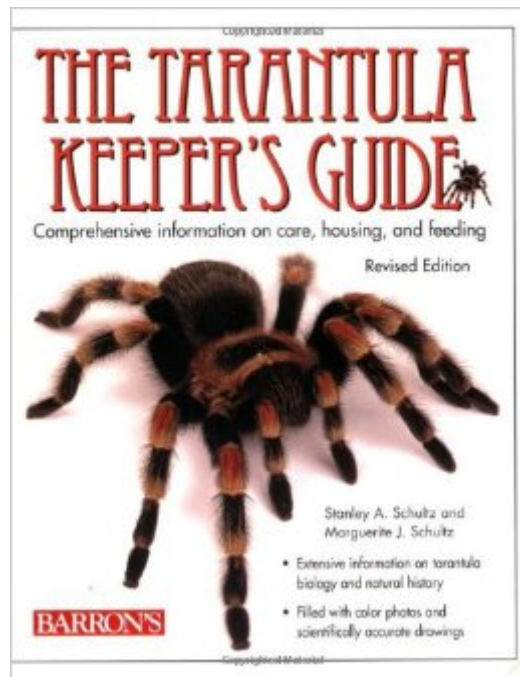


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# The Tarantula Keeper's Guide: Comprehensive Information On Care, Housing, And Feeding



## Synopsis

Terrarium hobbyists interested in acquiring a truly exotic pet as well as life science students will find virtually everything they need to know about keeping a tarantula in captivity. This book includes detailed information on the natural history and biology of these fascinating creatures, and the care chapter has been completely updated and revised. The book is filled with color photos and scientifically accurate line art, most of which examples are new to this second edition. Since its initial publication, hobbyists have come to consider this book the "Bible of Arachnoculture."

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## Customer Reviews

The Tarantula Keeper's Guide by Stan and Marguerite Schultz is by far the most informative book on tarantulas to date. Whether for the amateur fancier or professional arachnologist, this book will pay for itself in no time at all. Aimed primarily towards those interested in captive husbandry of arachnids, this book gives extensive information on care, housing, and feeding for spiderlings, juveniles, sub-adults and adults. In chapter 1, the anatomy and physiology of tarantulas are covered in great detail. Chapter 2 deals with taxonomy and scientific names; chapter 3 covers the life histories and ecology of these arachnids. Chapter 4 involves the uses of tarantulas throughout history while chapters 5,6, and 7 cover the "pet" aspect of tarantulas; this covers such subjects as housing, feeding, handling, breeding, medical emergencies, and much, much more. The final three chapters cover conservation issues. This well-designed book is packed with tons of color photographs, greatly illustrated drawings, and accurate (up-to-date) names of many species commonly kept as pets. Unlike other tarantula books I've read--and I've read plenty--this book gives

the first detailed description of how to catch your own tarantula. Other books have attempted this same task, but have not got the point across like this book. In all, this 288 page piece of art is the best book on tarantulas ever put together. Anybody with the slightest interest should purchase this book because it will spur one with mere curiosity into an out-of-control collector/hobbyist (such as me) and take you to the realm of the tarantula.

This book is excellent from cover to cover. Detailed information on care, breeding, food, species, and biology are all in "The Tarantula Keeper's Guide". I was given a Chilean Rose tarantula as a gift 9 months ago and considered myself ignorant of their required care. "The Tarantula Keeper's Guide" was the most informative book out of 6 purchased. I now have over 35 tarantulas consisting of 28 species and consider myself much more knowledgeable about their care and biology. I have even started breeding some of my tarantulas. You won't find a better book in print if you're a beginner or expert.

I was new to tarantulas when I bought my first Chilean rose hair, so I got online to search for some info on how to take care of my tarantula. What I found was a jumbled mess of confusion! I did not know what to do! So one day on a trip we stopped at a B&N to look around and that's when I saw it, the book of my dreams! I read the book from cover to cover over and over again and again, it made everything so clear and now I understand all I need to know about tarantulas. Thanx SAS and MJS!

If you have even one tarantula, the invaluable nature of this book cannot be stressed enough. It addresses almost every issue you could think of and some you possibly wouldn't. Filled with detailed information, beautiful color photographs, excellent illustrations this book is truly a bargain that should not be passed up, even by the passing fancier. All tarantula enthusiasts agree, if you own one book on them, it should be this one.

This book contains more useful information than any other Tarantula book I have ever read. I learned something new on every page! Beginner and expert alike would benefit from reading it. Everything that is known about tarantulas is in this book, including how to set up a spider collection, disease treatments, identification, parasites and anything else I can think of. I loved this book

I recommend every person who has or plans to have pet tarantulas buy and read this book \*first\*. It's absolutely invaluable for determining proper baseline care and will more than make up its asking

price the very first time they have an emergency. In our information-drenched world it's all too easy to think you can answer every question on the internet. Online discussion boards are great for working out the little nuances of care and finding other people in the hobby, but they are filled with people asking exactly the kind of beginner care questions they should have answered with this book \*first\*, and even worse, people talking about tragedies they could have avoided if they had informed themselves ahead of time.

EVERYTHING a person could want to know before deciding to buy a tarantula. This book is exhaustive, detailed, and the authors are FUNNY to boot. I thoroughly enjoyed it. And decided that keeping a T is not for me at this time in my life. Perhaps in the future! Please do read this book before buying a Tarantula. If you decide to go for it you will be really well-equipped to handle just about anything, from substrate requirements to bites to creating an Intensive Care Unit for a sick spider. Excellent book. And so much fun to read that I bought a copy for my brother.

If you want to know something about tarantulas, it's probably in this book. There isn't a lot of species-specific detail, but groups with similar care are well-detailed, and there are a few common species with dedicated sections. I'm enjoying this book immensely and am very glad I bought it.

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