

# Care Sheet

## *Chilean Rose (Grammostola rosea)*



Previously known as both *Grammostola spatulatus* and *Grammostola cala*, and the debate still drags on whether these are both the same species, but just different color morphs.

The spider varies from light to dark brown/grey and even foxy/rusty red with pink hairs and a brown carapace that may also be frosted with pink. It lives in shallow burrows/scrapes in the wilds of its native Chile.

My first tarantula, and to many the ideal starter tarantula, due to its forgiving nature and easy temperament.

This is generally considered a docile species, certainly handling is possible, but still considered unwise due to their urticating hairs.

The requirements in captivity are:

As for keeping them as pets, many people keep these in large 12x12x12 (inches) tanks.

Like the other terrestrial (ground living) species they require reasonable humidity levels (above 70%).

As these are scrubland spiders, you must make provision for a retreat, such as a piece of cork bark or a flower-pot. Substrate for the cage should be of peat/vermiculite mix, should be at least 2 inches deep.

An open water dish is a must, humidity must not fall below 55 percent!

Food: All standard invertebrates

Type: Terrestrial (Scrubland)

Aggressiveness: Considered docile.

Venom Effect: Unknown, expected to be low-toxicity.

Geographic Range: Chile, Argentina, Bolivia

Requirements: 70-72 Fahrenheit

Humidity: 75%

Substrate: 2 inches

Shelter: Cork bark or flower-pot.

Water: Open water dish.

Longevity: Males once mature (2 Years) Females (upto 15 years).