Purple Pinktoe Tarantula

Avicularia purpurea

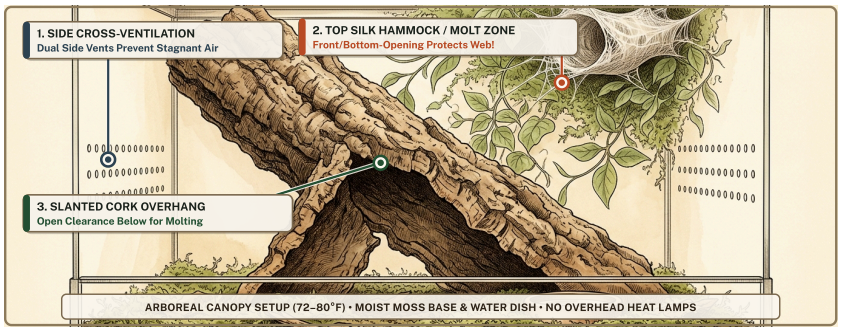
The Quick Version: With electric metallic-purple legs and adorable bubblegum-pink toe socks, the Purple Pinktoe is a total showstopper! Here is the **#1 secret** our team tells every Pinktoe keeper: they live high up in breezy treetops — so they need **tons of side-wall air holes (cross-ventilation)**, NOT a wet, stuffy tank!



LIFESPAN	LEGSPAN	ACTIVE HOURS	ENCLOSURE	RULE #1
F: 8–12y • M: 3–5y	4.5–5.5 Inches	Dusk & Night	8"×8"×12" Cross-Vent	Airflow > Misting!

1. Breezy Cross-Ventilated Canopy & Upstairs Web Zone

THE GOLDEN RULE FOR PINKTOES: SIDE AIR HOLES + FULL WATER DISH + DRY-ISH SOIL!



Daytime Room Temp — 74°–82°F
Warm indoor room temperature (no heat lamps!)

Upstairs Web Zone — Web Anchor
Tall cork bark & fake leaves 2" below the roof

Breezy Cross-Airflow — Breezy Air!
Side air vents + full water dish (NEVER soggy/stuffy!)

Open Water Dish 24/7 — Fresh Water
Mount a magnetic water cup up high or on the floor

Nighttime Temp — 68°–74°F
Keep room above 68°F at night

2. Two Ways That Work — Pick What Fits Your Home

SHORT & SWEET: BOTH OPTIONS WORK GREAT

Why Old Care Sheets Were Wrong About Pinktoes!

Old 1990s books told people to put Pinktoes in glass tanks with sopping-wet moss and no airflow — and they died! In Ecuador, they live high in windy treetops:

OPTION A: ZILLA ARBOREAL MICRO HABITAT (OUR #1 PICK FOR JUVENILES!)
Crystal-clear acrylic with cross-ventilation air slots on the sides and a front door that won't rip their top web.

OPTION B: EXO TERRA 8"×8"×12" OR 12"×12"×18" TALL GLASS TERRARIUM
Has built-in front air vents right under the doors + a screen roof so fresh air circulates like a chimney and never gets stuffy!

Water Dish Yes, Swamp No!

Keep the bottom dirt mostly dry, and hydrate them the right way:

OPTION A: ELEVATED MAGNETIC WATER CUP + FLOOR WATER DISH
Hot-glue or magnet a little water cup high up on the wall right next to their cork bark (or on the floor) and keep it full 24/7!

OPTION B: LIGHT WATER DROPLETS ON LEAVES 1× A WEEK
Once a week, spritz a few water drops onto the fake leaves outside their web tunnel so they can sip raindrops without soaking the dirt.

Setting Up Their 'Upstairs Apartment'

Pinktoes want to spin a cozy silk tube hammock right near the ceiling:

OPTION A: TALL CORK BARK TUBE + LEAFY CLUSTER AT THE TOP
Stand a cork tube or slab vertically so it stops 2 inches below the roof, and pack fake leaves around the top corner for privacy.

OPTION B: FRONT-OPENING DOOR
Always pick a front-opening enclosure so opening the door doesn't rip their silk web at the top!

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3. Canopy Bug Feeding & Molting Guide

DROP BUGS INTO THE UPPER LEAVES NEAR THEIR WEB • PULL UNEATEN CRICKETS AFTER 24 HRS!

Slings & Juveniles 2× Per Week	**1–2 Small Crickets, Small Dubia Roaches, or Mealworms:** Drop gently onto the leaves or silk right outside their upstairs web tube.
Adults Every 7–10 Days	**2 Medium/Large Crickets, 1–2 Dubia Roaches, or Hornworms/Moths:** Bugs that climb up the cork bark trigger an instant pounce!
Sealed Web Tube Water Only!	**Thick White Web Curtain = Molting!** When they web both ends of their tube shut, pull out any loose crickets and spritz a few water drops on the outside leaves.

Best Treetop Spider Feeders:

- **Live Crickets** — Naturally climb right up to the top web zone!
- **Dubia Roaches (Tong-Fed)** — Touch gently to the edge of their silk funnel
- **Hornworms & Waxworm Moths** — Awesome juicy treat after a molt
- **Wait 7–10 Days Post-Molt!** — Don't feed until their new fangs turn jet-black

The 10-Second Pinktoe Cheat Sheet: If you only remember one thing from this page, make it **side-wall air holes + a full water dish + mostly dry dirt**. Do that, and your Purple Pinktoe will thrive!

4. Tips, Tricks & Big No-Nos from Our Reptile Team

REAL-WORLD HABITS THAT KEEP THEM THRIVING

Side Vents Are Everything

Never keep a Pinktoe in a tank that only has air holes on the lid! Side-to-side cross-ventilation is the secret to keeping Avicularia healthy.

Pack Clutter at the Top

Put 80% of your fake leaves and cork bark in the top third of the tank — they barely ever touch the floor!

Cute Little Hops

Pinktoes almost never bite, but when spooked they take funny little frog-hops from hand to hand! Always sit over a table or bed when rehousing.

Watch the Purple Glow Up!

Babies start out dusty blue-grey with dark stripes, and every single molt unlocks brighter electric violet metallic fuzz!

5. Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

ASK US ON THE FLOOR — WE'LL HELP YOU MATCH EVERYTHING!

CROSS-VENTILATED TALL TANK & DECOR

- [ ] Zilla Arboreal Micro Habitat (Lg) or Exo Terra 8"×8"×12" / 12"×12"×18" Tall
- [ ] Tall Cork Bark Flat or Hollow Cork Tube
- [ ] Hanging Terrarium Vines & Leaves (Clustered near the top!)
- [ ] Reptisoil / Eco Earth (2" mostly dry bottom layer)

WATER CUP & TOOLS

- [ ] Elevated Magnetic Water Cup or Shallow Resin Water Dish
- [ ] Fine Mist Spray Bottle + Water Dechlorinator
- [ ] 10-Inch Soft-Tip Feeding Tongs

LIVE FEEDER BUGS

- [ ] Live Crickets, Small/Medium Dubia Roaches, or Hornworms
- [ ] Bug Gut-Load Chow (for feeding your crickets/roaches)

A Quick Note from Our Team — Keep Learning & Ask Us Anytime!

The quick version: there's more than one right way to set up a great enclosure! As long as your temperatures, humidity, and diet are dialed in, your pet doesn't care whether its cave is fancy resin or a terra-cotta pot. Bringing home this critter is a **8–12 year commitment (females)** — use these two pages as your home-base cheat sheet, watch what your pet tells you with their daily behavior, find a good local exotic vet, and call or stop by the shop anytime you have questions!

MY PURPLE PINKTOE'S INFO

Name / Morph: _____

Current Diet: _____

Date Adopted: _____