

Tarantula Is Creepy Pet For Student

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Usually people put a leash on their pet and take it outdoors for a walk. But the usual is not in order for Ray Jarmack and his pet tarantula.

Burrhead, as she is affectionately called, is six inches in diameter with eight furry legs. She favors the sedentary life and is content to rest in her aquarium home.

Ray, on the other hand, is a bit more active. As a senior chemistry major he is kept busy both in and out of school. Currently he works for a small chemical analysis firm and is an active member of the American Chemical Society. He was also a starting linebacker for the Canisius College Football Team.

Does Ray think Burrhead is an unusual pet? Yes, but that's part of the fun of it. Ray says that caring for a tarantula is almost carefree. Her only requirement is water and a few insects or a small mouse every three to four weeks.

The average cost for a tarantula is fifteen dollars. Contrary to popular myth, tarantulas are not poisonous. There is a type of wasp called tarantula killer which is poisonous and may be the cause of



Ray Jarmack and friend

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the misconception. Thus there should be no qualms about owning a pet which is relatively carefree and compact, something like a tarantula. So if you'd like a critter. Burrhead might be the answer.