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# Heath

Junior Heath Gariss has an impressive collection of over 30 animals in his room

## WHEN DID YOUR LOVE OF CREATURES START?

### MY MOM READ

me lots of books with animals as a kid, my neighbor made a terrarium with me every year, in 8th grade I learned that it was possible to keep tarantulas as pets, and my collection has grown ever since.

## WHAT'S YOUR MOST EXPENSIVE ENCLOSURE?

### MY VAMPIRE CRABS

and gecko tank probably cost about 300 dollars for plants and the actual tank and another 200 for the crabs and geckos.

## DO YOU SELL ANY ANIMALS THAT YOU BREED?

### I HAVE SOLD

only 2 or 3 tranchulas before, but I mostly buy, the most I've ever bought a tarantula was 300 dollars. My first tarantula will turn 3 years old next month.

## TANGLED IN THE WEB

Fun facts and care management of every animal that Heath owns or takes care of

### TARANTULA

#### (theraphosidae)

- \$20-\$3000 depending on species
- Tarantulas are easy to care for and need little but consistent attention to survive
- A taranchula human kill has never been recorded

### VAMPIRE CRAB

#### (geosesarma dennerle)

- \$10-\$20 per crab
- Easy to keep as long as they have a healthy diet and have their tanks clean
- Vampire crabs' body grow to only 2 inches long when fully grown

### GECKO

#### (gekkonidae)

- \$30-\$100
- Depending on the gecko proper heat and a good-sized clean tank with proper food
- Geckos can detach their tails as a strategy for escaping predators

