

Newt

Scientific Name: Pleurodelinae

Brief Description:

A Newt is a Salamander in the subfamily Pleurodelinae, also called "eft" during its terrestrial juvenile phase. Unlike Salamanders, newts are semi-aquatic alternating between aquatic and terrestrial habitats over the year and at times remaining in water full-time.



Average Size: The average Newt can grow up to seven inches long.

Average Life Span: The Newt can live up to ten-to-fifteen years with proper care.

Handling:

Newt's have sensitive skin and do not particularly like being handled.

Feeding:

- Feed your newt, gut-loaded insects, including crickets, mealworms and wax worms, guppies and goldfish.
- Newt's are also known for eating shrimp pellets and a variety of frozen foods such as blood worms, krill and shrimp.
- Provide a large, shallow dish for them to soak in, low enough so they crawl into.
 - Provide fresh, clean, de-chlorinated water at all times.

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Housing:

- Newt's do not need a large cage.
- A ten-gallon tank should suffice for one Newt.
- Temperatures should be kept at around eight-two °F during the day
- Temperatures should be dropped to around seventy-eight °F at night.
- Mist the substrate daily to help maintain a humid environment.
- They like to live on both land and water.



Maintenance:

- Change bedding at least once a month.
- Be sure to remove any waste as soon as possible.
- Water dish should be changed daily in order to keep clean.

Notes and Comments:

Perhaps the most notable aspect of the Newt is in their ability to re-grow lost limbs, should the original limbs become damaged. Newt's can also breath underwater and on land, have lizard-shaped bodies with four legs and a long tail.