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Pac-Man Frogs / African Bullfrogs

Scientific Name: Ceratophrys

Brief Description:



As a result of their predatory nature, all these frogs must be housed alone. Pac Man frogs are big eaters and like to borrow or sit quietly, awaiting prey. African Bullfrogs although called "pixie", are giants of the frog world. They may bite, so use extreme care when feeding.

Average Size: Five-to-nine inches long, depending on type.

Average Life Span: Seven-to-fifteen years with adequate care.

Feeding:

- Feed growing frogs, daily.
- Feed adult frogs one-to-times per week.
- Obesity is a common problem in large Terrestrial frogs, regulate their diets carefully.
- Provide a variety of live insects, such as crickets and mealworms, goldfish, frozen or thawed.
- Once or twice a week, provide a vitamin/mineral supplement.
- Provide fresh, filtered, chlorine-free water, changed daily.
- If you are feeding your frog, live rodents, do not leave them unattended.
 - o Live rodents can injure the frog and can be fatal.

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Housing:

- Pac Man Frogs are sit-and-wait predators, as a result, their enclosure doesn't have to be very big.
- Housing Juveniles will require a minimum of a ten-gallon tank.
- Adult Pac Man Frogs will require a minimum of a twenty gallon tank.
- The love to burrow so provide an appropriate substrate.

 o Ground coconut, Exo Earth, etc.
- Substrate should remain damp, but not soaking wet.

Maintenance:

- Several substrates will work well for frogs, and choosing one is a matter of preference.

 o Commercial mulch, bark chips, large gravel, sphagnum moss, coconut fiber.
- Spot-clean your frogs enclosure as required.
- Remove urates, feces and uneaten prey items immediately.
- Clean and disinfect water bowl on a weekly basis.
- Every thirty days, remove all substrate and cage furniture for a complete disinfection. o Rinse and allow all items to dry before returning items and pet to enclosure.

Temperature:

- Maintain a range of sixty-eight of to eighty of.
- Use black/red heat bulbs and ceramic heat emitters to maintain comfort range.



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Humidity:

- Maintain humidity by misting or incorporating a mister/fogger.
- Covering the enclosure top will help prevent moisture loss.

Water and Accessories:

- Provide a constant supply of clean, de-chlorinated, fresh water, on a daily basis.
- Use a shallow bowl that can't be tipped over, but large enough to soak in.

Notes and Comments:

Terrestrial frogs are sedentary, aggressive, gluttonous and cannibalistic when given the chance; awake during the day; can overpower and swallow prey almost their own size. The African bullfrog will bury itself up to its neck in leaf litter, and wait to lunge at its prey; in natural settings, bullfrogs will hibernate until the rainy season; unlike other frogs, males are larger than females.

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