Cleaning Requirements

Frogs are very susceptible to disease when kept in captivity. Daily cleaning of water and bowls is important. The terrarium itself should be cleaned once a week and faeces removed as soon as possible.

It is important not to use chemicals when cleaning frog terrariums and products. Clean with a sponge using warm to hot water.

tip: Check the temperature in your terrarium daily. If you remove your pet from its enclosure, ensure the surroundings are safe from cats and dogs and keep doors and windows closed. Enjoy your frog as they truly make wonderful and fascinating pets.

A Final Word

Research which frog will fit your lifestyle and how interactive you would like to be with your pet. Frogs have sensitive skin. It is advised that if you want to handle your frog that you do so with clean wet hands. You can also handle with wet Latex gloves. Ask yourself, how much work is involved in caring for a frog? Are you prepared to deal with regular feeding and cleaning requirements?

You should monitor your frog daily and get to know normal behaviour versus abnormal activity.

tip: Check with your local wildlife agency or council as to what permits are required for owning a frog.



frog checklist

- [ ] Appropriate license
- [ ] Terrarium
- [ ] Cage décor
- [ ] Plants
- [ ] Heat lamps
- [ ] Incandescent or fluorescent lighting
- [ ] Substrate eg. sand, aquarium pebbles
- [ ] Thermometer
- [ ] Thermostat
- [ ] Specific food
- [ ] Water bowl & water feature
- [ ] Food bowl

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Frogs are becoming popular amongst animal enthusiasts, largely because of the reduced space requirements and that they are relatively inexpensive to keep (although initial costs can be high).

Housing - The Terrarium

Frog homes are called terrariums. They should be well ventilated, escape proof and include heating, lighting and humidity.

Terrariums can be tall and narrow to accommodate frogs that like to climb.

tip: Ask your Petstock staff about what housing is best suited for your choice of frog.

Outfitting Your Terrarium

Covering the floor of your terrarium is important and there is a variety of coverings to choose from.

Use sand and medium size aquarium gravel. Frogs like to be moist, so provide a water feature and water bowl. It is also important to provide your frog with a place to hide in the way of a shelter. This allows the frog the opportunity to camouflage themselves. Standard furniture includes basking branches, silk plants and logs.

Environmental Conditions of your Terrarium

Heating

It is essential to provide a thermal gradient in your terrarium, such as a temperature being warm at one end and cooler at the other. Several ways of heating your enclosure include basking lamps, ceramic heat lamps, heat mats, central heating or air conditioning in the room where the reptile's enclosure is kept.

A thermometer should be placed in the terrarium (preferably two, one at each end) Use a thermostat to plug into heat lamps to regulate temperatures.

Lighting

This can be provided in two ways:

A full spectrum incandescent lamp provides both heat and light and is best used as a basking bulb hanging above the enclosure at one end.

A full spectrum fluorescent UVA/UVB tube lamp provides a sunlight replacement for frogs that need it. This lamp usually does not provide enough heat without a separate heating source.

tip: Hot rocks should not be used as they can burn your reptile. Natural, unfiltered sunlight is the best type of full spectrum lighting.

The needs of each frog vary greatly dependent on their species. Speak to a Petstock Team Member about your frog's specific needs.

Feeding Requirements

Your frogs diet will vary depending on their age, size, specific needs and you should consult specific care sheets for advice.

Omnivore

Frogs predominantly eat insects. Crickets, cockroaches and mealworms are great food sources for frogs, although mealworms should be fed sparingly as they are high in fat. Day old mice can be fed once a week. (Check with your Petstock staff about other food suitable for your frog).

Along with providing quality food, it's also a good idea to supplement your frogs diet with additional calcium, vitamins and minerals.

tip: Ensure you provide your frog with fresh water every day. Spray the terrarium with a fine mist daily.

