

African Bullfrog Care Sheet



Overview

- Scientific Name: *Pyxicephalus adspersus*
- Origin: South Africa
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 10 inches
- Life Span: 20 to 40 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 60-80%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Vary the food items you offer your animal to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier

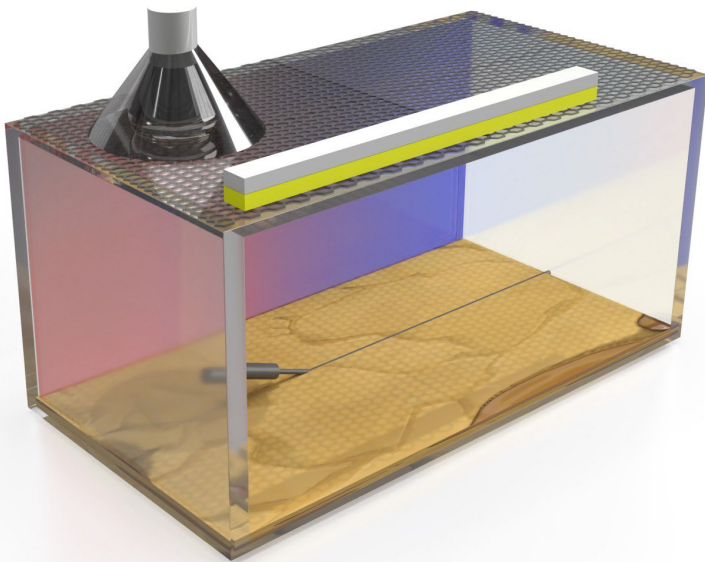
• HOUSING

The following are examples suitable for any age.

- Glass Terrarium - 24x18x18" - (HGT6045)
- Glass Terrarium - 36x18x18" - (HGT9145)

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Coir (HSC10F), Orchid Bark (HSO10M)
- Water: Water Bowl

Heating

African Bullfrogs are diurnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their Terrarium.

- Background Temp: 18-21°C (64-70°F)
- HOT Spot: 23-25°C (75-77°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18-21°C (64-70°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards one side of the Terrarium using an overhead heat source.

Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with ceramic Holder (RARTG75) and a Heat Bulb (HBB50) running through a Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) for the overhead option.

Thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Place the Arcadia ProT5 UVB Kit (RARTP8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances.

DIET & WATER

The African Bullfrog has a carnivorous based diet. Insects such as Roaches (LDL8), Crickets (HOUSECR) and Locust (LCST) are some of their favorites. You can treat your African Bullfrog occasionally, every few months, to a small mouse (MONKMICE).

Always provide a source of fresh water such as the Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCL).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- The African Bullfrog likes a humid environment of 60-80%, spray the enclosure regularly.
- Keep an eye on your Hygrometer to track the enclosures humidity.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your vivarium, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia Earth Mix (RARE10)
- The Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), Grapevine (HSGV), Cork Branch (HDB1) will offer enrichment within the enclosure
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the African Bullfrog to hide away if it chooses
- The use of Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) in various areas of the enclosure will aid enclosure humidity
- Water bowl - a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure

SUPPLEMENTATION

The African Bullfrog needs additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80) as per the products instructions.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your African Bullfrog healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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