

General Information



Ornate Horned Frog

Life span: Up to 12 years

Size: Approximately 6 to 9 inches

The Ornate Horned Frog is native Northern Argentina, Uruguay and the Rio Grande do Sul region of Brazil.

Their current popular name of "Pac-man Frog" fully describes their appearance when they lunge at prey: they appear to be all mouth. Their upper eyelid is pulled up into a little point over the eye giving rise to its name.

Ornates have round plump body shapes with little demarcation between their wide head and body. Their mouths are as wide as their heads and are equipped with strong gripping jaws and a wide, pink fleshy tongue.

Their warty green, white and yellow skin, touched with red and black, effectively camouflage the ornate as it lies half buried in the leaf litter on the forest floor, waiting for prey to walk by.

Ornates do best in a tank set up as an aquatic/terrestrial habitat.

Supply list

Here's a list of the necessities you'll need to take home to help your new Ornate Horned Frog stay healthy and happy. Please ask one of our pet experts to help you choose these items.

Home

- ❖ Appropriate size and type of cage
- ❖ Paper toweling or reptile carpet
- ❖ Moss
- ❖ Water bowl for soaking
- ❖ Hiding house
- ❖ Plants for hiding
- ❖ Thermometer & Hydrometer

Food

- ❖ Crickets, wax worms, meal worms
- ❖ Calcium supplement with D3

Extras

- ❖ Books and magazines
- ❖ Spray bottle
- ❖ Feeding tongs



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ORNATE HORNED FROG



Scientific name: *Ceratophrys ornata*

For Ages: 8 & up, with adult supervision

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Traits & Behavior

In the wild, ornates bury themselves in the leaf litter; in captivity, we have to provide them with something they can hide under.

You will also find that they will manage to half bury themselves under the clumps of moss and sprigs of artificial plants when they are out of the water.

Place live or artificial plants so that they overhang the water saucer; this will increase the frog's sense of security and reduce stress.

Things to remember

Lifting & Handling: Frogs are not animals that can be handled. Their skin is very sensitive, acting as a supplemental breathing organ. The oils found naturally on human hands can in fact be harmful to frog skin.

Special Needs: temperature should be kept around 81 F. Humidity should be about 50%.

Safety & Cleanliness: Please remember that all pets may transmit a disease to humans. Keep your pet's home clean and wash your hands after handling your pet or cleaning their home.

Infants, young children, pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems, and the infirm or elderly are at a greater risk of infections and should use caution when in contact with the pet or its habitat. Consult your doctor for more information.

Nutrition

Staple diet: Crickets, wax worms, meal worms.

Supplements: Dust prey items with calcium powder containing vitamin D3.

Water: You will have to refill the water in the saucer every day, more often in warmer weather.

*Remember that live prey should be removed from the habitat after four hours to save your frog from being nibbled on.



Tip

Always interested in food, they will go for whatever comes within an inch or two of their faces! This includes you but with no teeth they won't hurt you. Just wait a few seconds and they'll let go.

Habitat

Housing: Your Pacman frog requires at minimum a 10 gallon aquarium.

Bedding: Line the tank with paper towels or reptile carpet.

Decoration: clumps of sphagnum moss and artificial or live plants. Spray moss and plants daily with water to help humidify the tank. Artificial plants can be washed, and the moss replaced as necessary.

Lighting: Full-spectrum UVB bulb to help in metabolize calcium for bone strength.

Cage placement: Place the habitat in a warm quiet area, out of direct sunlight.

Health

Signs of a healthy frog:

- ❖ alert frog with clear skin
- ❖ interested in movement, watch the throat sac
- ❖ vocalization, sounds like a cow mooing

Things to watch for:

- ❖ dirty environment
- ❖ cloudy skin