



FIRE BELLY TOAD

Bombina orientalis

ORIGIN: Fire belly toads are native to Siberia, northeastern China, and Korea. They are found swimming in or alongside ponds and streams that are 5,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level.

SIZE: Fire belly toads reach an average adult length of 2.5 inches. Males and females are virtually identical.

CAGING: Fire belly toads will thrive in a variety of plastic and glass cages. A 10-gallon aquarium is large enough to house up to four adult toads.

SUBSTRATE: Fire belly toads are primarily aquatic. Approximately one-quarter of the cage should be a dry area above the water. This set-up is most easily accomplished using smooth aquarium gravel. Other acceptable substrates for the dry part of the cage include sphagnum moss, peat moss, and shredded coconut fiber.

TEMPERATURE: Fire belly toads are a temperate species and do not require any supplemental heat. They will thrive in standard household temperatures from 65°F to 80°F.

LIGHT: Fire belly toads do not require any special lighting. However, providing full-spectrum fluorescent lights will benefit the toads as well as any plants in the cage.

WATER: Fire belly toads should be provided with fresh, clean water at all times. Approximately three-quarters of the cage should be water in which the toads can swim. The water should be de-chlorinated prior to use.

DIET: Fire belly toads feed on a variety of commercially available feeder insects including mealworms, crickets, and wax worms. Prior to feeding, insects should be dusted with a vitamin and mineral supplement powder for reptiles.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Secure lid for enclosure
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about fire belly toad husbandry
- Hiding area such as cork bark or imitation rock
- Live or artificial plants
- Water treatment chemicals
- Vitamin and mineral supplement

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Fluorescent light
- Colored incandescent bulb for nighttime viewing
- Decorative cage background
- Misting or drip system
- Artificial waterfall

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