



PAC-MAN FROG

Ceratophrys sp.

ORIGIN: Pac-man frogs, also known as horned frogs, are native to the Chaco region of South America including Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil.

SIZE: Pac-man frogs are sexually dimorphic. Females reach an average adult length of 4.5 inches, but may approach the diameter of a saucer. Males are typically smaller and reach a length of 3 inches.

CAGING: Pac-man frogs will thrive in a variety of plastic and glass cages. A 10-gallon aquarium is large enough to house one adult Pac-man frog. These frogs are cannibalistic and should be kept individually.

SUBSTRATE: Pac-man frogs are terrestrial and thrive on a substrate that remains damp and maintains humidity such as sphagnum moss, peat moss, and soil. Gravel and aquarium pebbles are not recommended as they may be accidentally ingested.

TEMPERATURE: Pac-man frogs are a tropical species and should be kept between 75°F and 85°F. It is beneficial to provide Pac-man frogs with a heat gradient by placing a small heat mat at one end of the cage. In cool areas, this is a necessity.

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

WATER: Pac-man frogs must be provided with fresh, clean water at all times. A large, shallow water bowl in which the frog can fully submerge itself should be used. To ensure that the frog can easily enter the water bowl, it should be slightly buried in the substrate. In addition, the cage can be misted to maintain high humidity levels.

DIET: Pac-man frogs 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. The diet of adult Pac-man frogs may also include small rodents, but this should not be a staple.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Heat mat
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about Pac-man frog husbandry
- Live or artificial plants
- Large, shallow water dish
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Spray bottle

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Fluorescent light
- Nightlight for night time viewing
- Decorative cage background
- Misting or drip system

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