

PAC-MAN FROG





Their ease of care, wide variety of colors, and docile personality, has made the pac-man a very popular pet frog. Although these frogs are not very active, spend much of their time half buried or waiting for food, they are quite entertaining! These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

TANK SET UP

Caging does not need to be spacious, as pac-man frogs are sit-and-wait predators. They spend the majority of their time burrowed, with their eyes above the substrate, waiting for their next meal. Young frogs may be kept in small plastic reptile enclosures, while adults can easily be housed in 10-15 gallon glass aquariums.

BEDDING

Because this frog loves to burrow, a substrate they are able to dig into is necessary. Coconut fiber bedding or Eco Earth make excellent choices. You may keep moss on one side of the substrate, to help keep the moisture in the substrate. Remember, it must be kept damp, NOT soaking wet.

TEMPERATURE

Pac-man frogs need temperatures between 70-80°F. In nature, Pac-man frogs spend the majority of their time burrowed in the cool ground, so in captive environments, the substrate should provide the same protection. Keep a small undertank heat pad on the warm side of the enclosure, but a cool side on the other.

LIGHTING

Pac-man frogs need natural lighting to mimic the day/night cycle. They must NOT have basking bulbs, rather a blue day bulb or florescent lighting that does not provide excessive heat.

HUMIDITY

Humidity should be kept between 55%-80%. You can achieve this by keeping moss on one side of the enclosure. Safe and appropriate live plants in the enclosure will also help. When misting the habitat, it is important to spray the moss and the leaves, not the frog!

FEEDING

Pac-man frogs are voracious eaters. Their diet will consist of insects such as crickets, mealworms, and roaches. The frogs will gorge themselves, so make sure not to overfeed or put too many insects in the enclosure.

ACCESSORIES

Pac-man frogs will be happy with several hides, greenery, and even real plants. Make sure to check on the safety of the plant for your frog, before placing it in the habitat. When using any accessory, be certain it isn't too high, as the frogs are not climbers, and can fall easily.

FROG BEHAVIOR

If the substrate dries out and food is scarce, the pac-man will encase itself in a tough outer skin to protect it from drying out. In order to conserve energy, it will not move, and may look like it's dead. Once rehydrated, they will shed this outer skin. Be careful if you think your frog has died, it could very well be alive and dehydrated! With all frogs, handling should only occur when absolutely necessary, as their skin is very sensitive. And remember that pac-man frogs have teeth! Keep your fingers away from its mouth!

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