

Argentinian Horned Frog



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Ceratophrys cranwelli*
- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 4-7 inches
- Life Span: 8 to 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore/Carnivore
- Handling: Only if necessary

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Monitor temperature levels closely as these frogs do not like too much heat.
- ✓ Allow some open spaces in the Terrarium for the frog to move from area to area.
- ✓ Horned Frogs drink water through their skin, so providing a water bowl is essential; all water must be treated with a water conditioner.

HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30x30x32cm (HGT3032)
HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

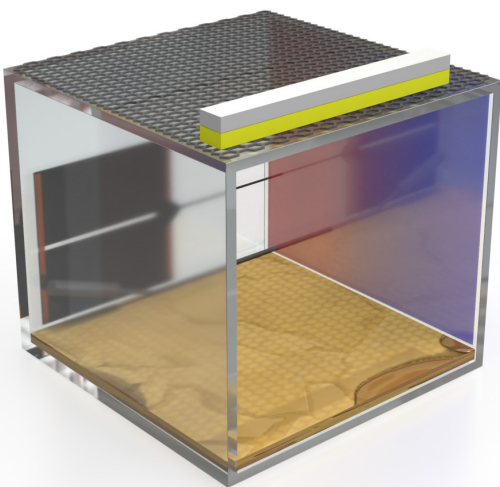


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat-mat
- Thermostat: Mat Stat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 Hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Coir (HSCB) & HabiStat Moss (HSMS250), HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10)
- Water: Water bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 24-28°C (75-82°F)
- Hot Spot: Not needed
- Night-Time Temp: 20-26°C (68-79°F)
- Humidity: Day 60-70%; can reach 100% at night
- UVI: 1-2

Heating

Provide a suitable background temperature with a constant warmer environment for the full 24-hour period. We recommend having any UVB running for only 10-12 hours daily to offer a realistic day/night cycle.

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHMA11) attached to the outside rear wall of the Terrarium, running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1).

Mat Stat 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 Horned Frog. Insert the probe through the lid of the Terrarium and secure directly adjacent to the heat mat, but on the inside of the Terrarium.

Lighting

Lay the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S), or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances providing a UVI of 1-2.

Substrates and Decoration

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

Horned Frogs can be housed on HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10) with some HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) mixed into the substrate. HabiStat Coir (HSCB) and Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10) are also great options.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Horned Frog to shelter.

DIET & WATER

Ensure Horned Frogs are offered appropriately sized insects.

Young/Juvenile – Several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week such as:

- Crickets – 2nd
- Locust – 1st Hopper
- Calci Worms

Adult – Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – Standard
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required. Using the HabiStat Rainmaker (HSRM) will also help to maintain humidity levels. To provide humidity overnight, use the HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) during the early hours of the morning.

Any water used must be treated with a water conditioner.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as HabiStat Pure Calcium (HMC40), HabiStat Reptavite (HMRV40), HabiStat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Although Horned Frogs have lungs, they also hydrate and gain oxygen through their skin. You must provide a fresh water source in a suitably sized bowl that the Horned Frog can sit in; this also helps keep their skin moist.

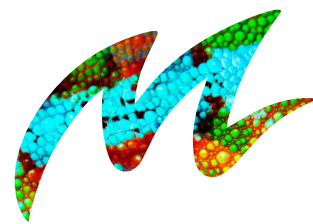
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Horned Frog 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 any live-food, enclosure, and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp Not Needed	Background Temp 24-28°C (75-82°F)	Humidity Day-60%-70% Night - 100%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 20-26°C (68-79°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						