



## **Pac Man Frog**

### *Ceratophrys cranwelli*

**Common Name:** Pac Man Frog, Argentine Horned Frog

**Scientific Name:** *Ceratophrys cranwelli*

#### **General Info:**

Horned frogs become rather large and come in a variety of colors, including albino. For this reason, they are one of the most popular pet frogs today. Size: Circumference up to 5".

#### **Temperature/Humidity:**

Ideal daytime temperature for horned frogs should range between 75 and 85°F. Additionally, an undertank heater should be used on one end of the enclosure to maintain the temperature of 85°F - 90°F. Nighttime temperature should remain between 70°F and 75°F. The humidity for horned frogs should be kept at or near 80 percent.

**Lighting:** Most reptiles and some amphibians require ultraviolet lighting to maintain good health. Although nocturnal (mainly active at night) frogs don't require ultraviolet lighting, if it is part of the habitat design, it is recommended for 12 hours per day. The use of a timer will assist in maintaining an accurate schedule of light periods.

#### **Feeding/Watering:**

Horned frogs do well on a diet consisting of a variety of vitamin/calcium dusted insects such as crickets, mealworms and waxworms. Some individuals will also eat earthworms and fish. As your pac man frog gets larger you can even start to introduce pinky and or fuzzy mice to them.



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Fresh clean water should always be available as well as daily misting of the enclosure. Adult horned frogs should be fed crickets and small insects 3-4 times per week. Do not offer them mice more than once a week to every two weeks.

### **Habitat/Housing:**

Horned frogs should always be kept singularly as cannibalism is common among horned frogs.

Successful permanent maintenance requires a moderately sized terrarium (10-20 gallon). A screen lid is essential for proper air exchange. The enclosure must include either a sloped large water bowl or allow for a swimming area. This can be accomplished by using gravel as a substrate and sloping it to form a "beach" area. It is also recommended that a small powerhead water filter is used to keep the water clean.

Live plants can be used in horned frog enclosures to maintain humidity levels and create a natural atmosphere. Misting the habitat once or twice daily will help maintain proper humidity levels.

### **Substrate (Bedding):**

2" to 3" inches of Bed-A-Beast is recommended for horned frog terrariums to maintain proper humidity levels. However, gravel should be used when creating a "beach" tank to ensure water remains clear and pump is to work efficiently. On the land end of the water terrarium tank you should use some moss with bed a beast or similar material underneath to give a nice cushioned area for your frog to rest. The substrate should be kept moist, but changed regularly to avoid bacterial growth.

**Other notes:** As with all reptiles after handling, cleaning, changing bedding or washing feed dishes make sure you clean your hands and surrounding areas with a bleach water mixture or a antibacterial soap. Improper cleaning of sinks and bathtubs after reptiles have been in them or their housing, food dishes have been cleaned, can cause severe illness in children and adults.