

# CARE SHEET

## Marine Toad (Cane Toad)



## **OVERVIEW**



- · Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Adult Size: Average lengths of 6 to 7 inches
- · Life Span: Upwards of 15 years
- · Diet: Mostly Insects, Rodents as a rare treat
- Temperament: Friendly, but can be jumpy
- Background Temp: 25°C (78°F)
- Humidity: 70%







#### **TOP TIPS**

- Ensure temperatures are not allowed to get too hot as these Toads do not like too much heat.
- ✓ Floor space is a better option for a terrestrial species.
- Marine Toads drink water through their skin, so a water bowl is a must. ALL water must be treated with a water conditioner.

#### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**



- Housing: Glass Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat or overhead Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Coir & Moss mix. Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water bowl water must be treated with a water conditioner such as Exo Terra Aquatize (DEA120)

#### **HOUSING**



- A relevant sized Terrarium is the perfect housing solution for a Marine Toad throughout its whole life.
- The HabiStat Glass Terrarium 36x18x18"
   (HGT9145) will provide a realistic light and heat

#### **ENVIRONMENT**



#### **Terrestrial Terrarium Setup**



#### **Heating**

The Marine Toad is a nocturnal/crepuscular amphibian and therefore requires a suitable background temperature with a day/night cycle (all light and heat should be turned off overnight).

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHMA). Choose a size which would roughly cover half of the back wall of the enclosure, this applies for both Terrestrial and Arboreal enclosures. Connect through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) for temperature control and safety; alternatively, a low wattage bulb such as the HabiStat Basking Spotlamp 50w in the Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp (RART75) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW). Dimming 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 Marine Toad.

#### **Temperature and Monitoring**

Providing an ambient overall temperature within the Terrarium is beneficial. This can be supplied with the overhead heat bulb or heat mat and should be around 25°C (78°F).

Make sure temperatures are checked regularly to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

#### Lighting

Use a UV light to ensure the Marine Toad's health and wellbeing. The Arcadia ShadeDweller (RARTP8S) is ideal as it has been specifically designed for forest dwelling reptiles and amphibians. Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and the Marine Toad is not able to get too close.

#### **Substrates and Decoration**

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

Marine Toads can be housed on HabiStat Jungle Bio, or HabiStat Coir with Moss added to the mix, or Arcadia EarthMix. This will retain moisture and help maintain humidity.

Wood/Cork/branches for climbing, hiding under, and sleeping under.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Marine Toad to sleep and shelter.

Provide a suitably sized water bowl deep enough to allow the Toad to sit in and able to get out.

#### **DIET & WATER**



Offer babies through to adults appropriately sized insects.

Feed your Marine Toad in the evening and night when it is most active. Feed your Marine Toad in the evening and night when it is most active.

Always provide a source of fresh water. You must use either distilled water or water treated with a 'water conditioner'. With these you add a few drops to your tap water, and it removes any chlorine/chloride in the water that could cause harm overtime to your Marine Toad.

Ensure the enclosure is misted with conditioner treated water to allow the toad to hydrate.

#### SUPPLEMENTATION



Marine Toads need additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder as per the product instructions. like Arcadia EarthPro-A (RAREP100)

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



Although Marine Toads have lungs, they hydrate and gain oxygen through their skin. Therefore, always provide a fresh water source in a suitably sized bowl where the Marine Toad can sit in the bowl. This also helps keep their skin moist.

### **HEALTH & HYGIENE**



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Marine Toad 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 or feeding your Chubby Frog, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

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