



# Horned Frog



## OVERVIEW



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

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Ensure temperatures are not allowed to get too hot as these frogs do not like too much heat.
- ✓ Allow for a few inches of substrate to enable the Horned Frog to burrow down.
- ✓ Horned Frogs drink water through their skin. So, a water-bowl is a must. All water must be treated with a water conditioner.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, HabiStat Coir with HabiStat Sphagnum Moss, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Shallow Water Bowl

## HOUSING



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

## RUNNING COSTS



- Average Cost: 5p Per Day
- Average kW per day: 0.163

Additional Costs:

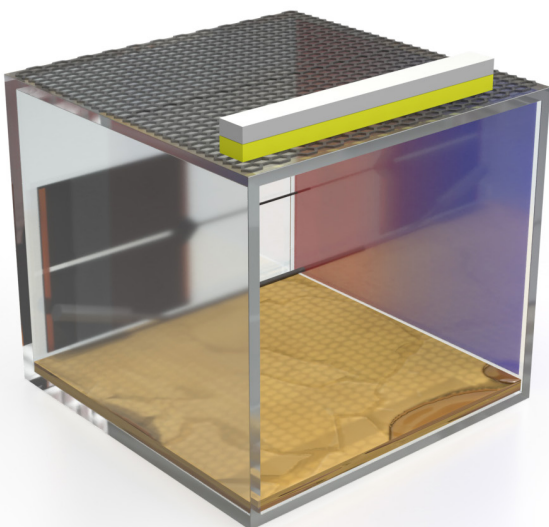
Arcadia ProT5 UVB - 2p Per Day (based on 12-hours per day use)  
(12-hours use = 0.077 kWh)

Calculations are based on using the recommended timings, heating, and lighting provided throughout the care sheet, and the Electricity unit rate of 28p per kWh.

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: Not Needed
- Background Temp: 24°C-28°C (75°F-82°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-21°C (64°F-70°F)
- Humidity: 60%-80%
- UVI: 1-2

### Heating

Horned Frogs are a nocturnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Using a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the Terrarium running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1) will provide the needed heat.

Mat 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 animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly, using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

## Lighting

While this species does not require UVB lighting, it is beneficial and provides a day/night cycle.

Lay an Arcadia ProT5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) on the mesh roof of the terrarium.

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

## DIET & WATER

Ensure Horned Frog are offered appropriately sized insects.

### Young - A few appropriately sized feeders 5x a week:

- House Brown Crickets - (LSB200)
- Earth Worms - (LEARTH)
- Dubia Roaches - (LDML12)

### Juvenile/Adult - A few appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets - Large (LSL35)
- Locust - 3rd Hoppers (LMHC14)
- Dubia Roaches - Large (LDL8)

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Plastic Shallow Water Bowl (HWFSL).

Any water used must be treated with a water conditioner such as Exo Terra Aquatize (DEA120) to remove any chlorine/chloride that can harm you frog.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS10), HabiStat Coir Block (HSCB) with some HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) mixed in, Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10).
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Horned Frog to shelter.
- Water bowl - a suitably sized shallow water bowl must be provided, one deep enough to allow the frog to sit in yet be able to get out safely without issues.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Horned Frogs need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Follow the on-pack instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFO

- Make sure to add a substrate suitable for burrowing as Horned Frog's like to burrow.
- Any water used for misting or water bowls must be treated with a water conditioner. This removes chlorines and chlorides that can cause harm to Amphibians.
- This species can be ferocious eaters. Care must be taken to avoid the species becoming overweight.

## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your animal healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

## HANDLING & CARE



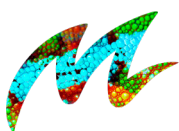
While this species is generally docile handling is not really recommended. Handling can at times be very stressful, but also the oils in our hands can have a negative effect of a frog's skin, so handling should only be done if necessary.

Things to look out for that will need veterinary assistance:

- Redness on legs or belly
- Going off food
- Severe weight loss
- Obesity

Should your animal display any signs of distress, changes in regular behaviour, or anything visually different, please seek help from your Reptile Veterinarian.

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# DATA MONITORING



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

	Hotspot Temp Not required	Background Temp 24°C-28°C (75°F-82°F)	Humidity 60%-80%	UVI 1-2	Night Time Temp 18°C-21°C (64°F-70°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						