



Green Tree Frog

These brightly colored tree frogs make attractive, interesting pets with simple care requirements. They thrive in a group of the same species where they are allowed to follow their natural patterns of activity. Tree frogs are nocturnal, becoming active and vocal at dusk.

General

Mist your frogs once a day, preferably in the morning, with tap water that has been treated with a dechlorinator. As well as using a commercial dechlorinating product, it's wise to leave the water to sit overnight to allow any chemicals to evaporate. Handle your frogs as little as possible and always remember to wash your hands before and after touching them.

Housing

Your tree frogs will need at least a 10 gallon glass aquarium, with a secure screened lid. They love to climb, so choose a tank that is tall rather than low and wide. Artificial turf or indoor/outdoor carpet is best for covering the floor and you can add some items like cork bark, driftwood or branches for the frogs to climb on. If you collect any items from outdoors, be sure to soak them in a bleach/water solution to kill any bugs, then soak in clean water, followed by rinsing and drying thoroughly before use. A shallow bowl with 1- 2 inches of dechlorinated water is vital for your frogs to soak in, and they will also appreciate some leafy plants, either real or artificial. Since tree frogs need a temperature between 68-77 deg. F, often they need no heating in the tank, but a low wattage heat lamp or under tank heating pad can be used if needed. Place your tank out of direct sunlight to avoid overheating.

Diet

Tree frogs are insectivorous and will eat small insects such as crickets, moths and flies. It's best to feed the crickets with calcium-rich gut loading pellets before giving them to your frogs, and you can further ensure good nutrition by sprinkling calcium and multivitamin supplements on the crickets 2-3 times a week.

Cleaning

Wash out the water bowl daily. Both the tank and the floor coverings should be washed weekly in hot water and thoroughly dried. It is convenient to have two pieces of floor covering and rotate them.

Fertility

In a mixed group of males and females, the males will call loudly during breeding season. In the right environment, females will lay eggs which hatch to become tadpoles.

Health

Providing they are purchased in good condition, tree frogs are hardy pets which have relatively few problems. To prevent health problems make sure your frog's water is always clean and dechlorinated. Signs of illness include: lethargy; areas of inflammation or parasites on skin; cloudy or dull eyes; weight loss; excessive yawning; bloated abdomen.

Warning

Never use soap, detergents or chemicals to clean your tank or equipment.