

# Ornate Horned Frog Care Sheet



## PROFILE

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

*Latin Name:* Ceratophrys Ornata

*Native To:* Tropical South America

*Size:* Males 7", females 9"

*Life Span:* 6 – 10 years

## HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

### **Environment:**

Humid rainforest with lots of plants and lots of floor space.

### **Vivarium Size:**

Pac Man frogs spend the majority of their time buried in the forest floor. They also grow to be quite fat and eat everything in site – hence the common name Pac Man Frog! Due to this we recommend a minimum vivarium size of 10 gallons. A vivarium of 24"X12"X12" would be a good size for an adult Pac Man Frog.

### **Substrate:**

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, soil/moss mixes and sphagnum moss. Not only will this provide a natural look to the vivarium, it will also help to raise the humidity. The ideal humidity for Pac Man frogs is 75% – 85%

Loose substrate such as forest floor will allow the frog to burrow – a tactic often employed by these ambush predators whilst waiting for prey to wander by.

### **Food and Water:**

As with all frogs, Pac Man Frogs absorb water through their skin. Due to this, they need a constant supply of fresh water. Therefore we recommend placing a large, shallow bowl of water into the vivarium.

Pac Man Frogs love their food. They will eat a range of things including crickets, cockroaches, grasshoppers, earthworms and baby rodents. Be aware that their healthy appetite

causes them to bite anything that moves, including fingers. They are also cannibalistic and should be kept singularly because of this.

It is highly recommended that all crickets are dusted with vitamin supplements available on the reptile section.

### **Heat/Light Requirements:**

Pac Man Frogs do not require 24 hour heating as long as temperatures stay within their recommended range. If your house is too cold we may recommend a small heat mat to even the temperature out. This must be placed on the side of the vivarium to prevent the substrate from drying out completely. Lighting is not necessary for pac man frogs but a small led can be used with a night light function to simulate a night and day cycle.

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 3 - 5°C to synthesise the natural nightly temperature drop of the wild and to allow the reptile to shut down and sleep.

Pac Man frogs are diurnal and need a period of darkness in which to sleep.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your Pac Man frog, all of which can be thermostatically controlled:

Day: 23 - 25°C

Night: 20 -22°C

Please note that this care sheet is only for your basic husbandry knowledge and that it is always recommended that you do further reading.

### **FURTHER READING:**

[amphibiancare.com](http://amphibiancare.com)

### **Any Problems?**

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