

Alpine Newt Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Alpine newt, Spanish newt**

Latin Name: **Ichthyosaura alpestris**

Native To: **Central Europe**

Size: **4.5"**

Life Span: **15-20 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Wooded areas with small heavily vegetated ponds are the favoured environment for these semi aquatic amphibians.

Vivarium Size:

A minimum 24x12x12" that should be split 50/50 land and water will be suitable for up to 3 alpine newts. Adult newts will hunt mostly on land but always use water as a refuge.

Substrate:

We recommend fine gravel or sand as a substrate for the water half of the enclosure. The water should also contain oxygenating plants and as little flow as possible. The land half of the enclosure should be a good quality soil/forest mix and be covered with a layer of

leaf litter to increase humidity and provide a hiding place for the newts.

Food and Water:

Alpine newts are invertebrate hunters and will take a range of worms, slugs and snails. Younger and more opportunistic adults will also hunt in the water for bloodworm and other larvae. The water should be filtered if possible, but flow of water must be taken into consideration.

Heat/Light Requirements:

Alpine newts require no additional heating or lighting. The ideal range of water temperature is 15 - 21°C. This relatively low temperature must be considered if you wish to purchase a light for your animal. We would recommend a low LED light as they give off very little heat.

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:

<http://www.reptilesmagazine.com/>

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