

Cane toad Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: Cane toad, Marine toad

Latin Name: *Rhinella marina*

Native To: central and south America

Size: 4 - 6"

Life Span: 15 – 20 years

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Inhabiting woodlands, grasslands and dense subtropical forests, cane toads are highly adaptable amphibians that can thrive in a range of environments.

Vivarium Size:

Cane toads are active and large amphibians. A large glass tank of a minimum size 30x12x12" should be used for a single adult specimen with a 36x15x12" used for a pair.

Substrate:

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, mixed soil 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 cane toads is 70% – 80%

Loose substrate such as forest floor will allow the toad to burrow and make itself feel secure. Hides and decoration will also aid in making your toad feel at home.

Food and Water:

As with all amphibians, cane toads 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. Cane toads are carnivorous and will eat all variety of insect prey available. Earthworms being a particular favourite. Cane toads can also be trained to feed from bowls.

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

Heat/Light Requirements:

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 2-5°C to mimic the natural nightly temperature drop of the wild and to allow the amphibian to shut down and sleep.

Cane toads are cathemeral and need a period of darkness in which to sleep. Lighting for your toad can be minimal, from a low wattage UV coil to a broad spectrum LED.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your cane toad:

Day: 22-26°C

Night: 18-22°C

FURTHER READING:

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