

# Spanish Ribbed Newt Care Sheet



## PROFILE

**Common Name:** Spanish ribbed newt, Iberian ribbed newt

**Latin Name:** *Pleurodeles waltl*

**Native To:** Iberian Peninsula and Morocco

**Size:** 8-12"

**Life Span:** 15-20 years

## HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

### ***Environment:***

Found in small ponds, marshes and slow moving streams on the Iberian peninsula and northwest Morocco. Will hide during the day in submerged leaf litter and aquatic plants.

### ***Vivarium Size:***

A minimum 24x12x15" will house an adult pair of ribbed newts. These newts are a fully aquatic species and do not need areas of land to hunt or crawl from the water.

### ***Substrate:***

We recommend fine sand for the substrate as this is easily spat out if taken into the mouth. Submerged leaf litter is also an excellent addition to the tank as are hides and live plants.

### ***Food and Water:***

Spanish ribbed newts are invertebrate hunters and will take a range of worms, bloodworm and aquatic invertebrates. The water should be filtered, but flow of water must be taken into consideration as these animals have evolved in slow moving streams and ponds.

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

Spanish ribbed 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/>

### ***Any Problems?***

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