

shopping list for needed supplies

- appropriately sized habitat
- book about pac-man frogs
- substrate
- moss
- water dish
- hideaway place
- plants
- under tank heater
- UVB lighting
- vitamin supplement
- calcium supplement
- cricket keeper
- cricket food

sources

Ask an associate about Petco's selection of books on Pac-Man Frogs and the variety of Petco Brand products available for the care and happiness of your new pet. All Petco Brand products carry a 100% money-back guarantee.

Because all Frogs are potential carriers of infectious diseases, such as Salmonella, always wash your hands before and after handling your Frog and/or habitat contents to help prevent the potential spread of diseases.

Pregnant women, children under the age of 5 and people with weakened immune systems should contact their physician before purchasing and/or caring for a Frog and should consider not having a Frog as a pet. Go to the Centers for Disease Control at cdc.gov/healthypets/ for more information about Frogs and disease. Go to petco.com/caresheet to download other helpful Care Sheets.

This care sheet can cover the needs of other species. See petco.com for more information.

Pac-Man Frog

ceratophrys ornata



Care Sheet

Horned frogs come from the damp, humid forests of South America. Their name refers to the fact that the top of their head comes to a point over their eyes and looks like horns. They also have the nickname "Pac-Man Frog," after the popular video game.

Pac-Man Frog facts:

- average adult size: 4 to 8 inches long
- average life span: 5 to 7 years with proper care
- diet: carnivore

Will reach adult size in 6-12 months, under ideal conditions; update habitat size as your frog grows.

Note: The information in this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, please refer to the sources on the following page or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.

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Developed with and approved by a qualified veterinarian.

diet

A well-balanced Pac-Man Frog diet consists of:

- A variety of insects, including gut-loaded (recently fed) crickets and mealworms.
- Common goldfish; frozen, thawed rodents.
- **If feeding your Frog live rodents, do not leave them unattended. Live rodents can injure the Frog, sometimes fatally.**

feeding

Things to remember when feeding your Pac-Man Frog:

- Fresh, clean, chlorine-free water should be available at all times.
- Feed juveniles daily, adults 1-2 times a week; don't feed frozen or live rodents until adult size.

- Sprinkle food with calcium supplement daily and a multi-vitamin supplement once or twice a week.

housing

- Size - appropriate size habitat to accommodate Pac-Man Frog with normal behavior and exercise.
- Habitat - provide a hiding area. Maintain less than 70% humidity by misting as needed every day.
- Substrate - provide a deep substrate, such as commercial mulch, bark chips, large gravel, sphagnum moss, or sterile potting soil.
- Temperature - maintain an overall range of 68-80°F; use an under-tank heater at all times.
- Lighting - UVB rays with full spectrum lighting for 10-12 hours a day is required; low level UVB lighting is

recommended, but provide hiding places to hide from light as needed.

- House Pac-Man Frogs separately and do **not** house different amphibian species together.

normal behavior

- Sedentary
- Ambush predator that may need some enticing when feeding frozen, thawed rodents.
- Diurnal (awake during the day)

habitat maintenance

Thoroughly clean the habitat at least once a week: place Toad in a secure habitat; scrub the tank and furnishings; rinse thoroughly with hot water; dry the tank and furnishings completely and add clean substrate.

grooming & hygiene

Don't handle unless necessary; always wear latex gloves when handling your Frog; residue or oil on your skin can harm amphibians; all amphibians secrete toxins. Do not allow Frog's secretions to contact eyes, mouth, or open wounds. You can use an appropriate sized, small-mesh, soft net to move or block the Toad while doing habitat maintenance. Don't be surprised to see your Toad eating his shed skin.

signs of a healthy animal

- Active and alert
- Clear eyes
- Healthy skin
- Eats regularly and maintains weight

red flags

- lethargy
- skin lesions
- loss of appetite
- distressed breathing
- weight loss
- weak leg movements
- bloated abdomen

If you notice any of these signs, please contact your exotic animal veterinarian.

common health issues

Health Issue	Symptoms or Causes	Suggested Action
Chemical intoxication	Caused by exposure to soap, detergent, pesticides, etc.	Consult your exotic animal veterinarian and protect your amphibian from exposure.
Intestinal obstruction	Caused by swallowing gravel or by eating too many hard-shelled insects.	Consult with your exotic animal veterinarian; surgery may be required.
Nutritional deficiencies	Weak hind legs, lethargy, lighter or darker skin color.	Consult your exotic animal veterinarian and ensure varied diet; use vitamin and mineral supplements.
Skin problems	Abrasions, bacterial and fungal infections.	Consult with your exotic animal veterinarian.