

# CARING FOR THE PIXIE FROG

## *PYXICEPHALUS ADSPERSUS*

Pixie frogs can be good pets for beginners, but they require a significant amount of care and attention. They need a special diet and a large, secure enclosure with high humidity. They are also very active, so they will require a lot of space to move around. They may also be difficult to handle, as they can be quite skittish. It is important to do your research and make sure you are prepared to provide proper care before bringing a pixie frog home.



### A Brief History!

Pixie frogs (also known as African Bullfrogs) are native to the African continent and were first domesticated in the early 1900s. They are best known for their large size and their loud call. Despite their intimidating size, pixie frogs are not social creatures and generally prefer to be left alone. Despite this, they can become accustomed to humans with proper care and handling.

### Habitat Requirements

Pixie frogs require an enclosure that is at least 20 gallons with a secure mesh lid, as they are excellent climbers. The enclosure should also have a humid hide and a water dish large enough for the frog to soak in. It should also have a substrate such as coconut fiber, sphagnum moss, or peat moss to help maintain the humidity. Live plants, such as ferns, can also be added to the enclosure to provide hiding places and enrichment.

Pixie frogs are semi-aquatic and should have access to both land and water in their enclosure. They should also have access to a shallow pool of water to swim in.

### Proper Diet, Snacks

Pixie frogs are insectivores, so their diet should consist mainly of small insects such as crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and earthworms. They should be fed every 2-3 days and the insects should be dusted with a calcium supplement 1-2 times a week.



In addition to their regular diet, pixie frogs can also be given small amounts of fruits and vegetables as occasional snacks. Options include dark leafy greens, carrots, sweet potatoes, and apples.

### Is my pet healthy?

Check its coloration. Healthy frogs will usually have vibrant, even-colored skin.

Monitor its activity levels. Healthy frogs should be active and alert.

Observe its eating habits. Healthy frogs should eat regularly and have a good appetite.

Always consult with a veterinarian for questions regarding your frog's health!

### Exercise & Enrichment



Pixie frogs are semi-aquatic and should have access to both land and water in their enclosure. They should also have access to a shallow pool of water to swim in.

Pixie frogs should have access to enrichment activities such as climbing structures, hideouts, and visual barriers. Live plants, logs, and rocks can be used to create these enrichment areas. Provide a variety of toys and objects for the frog to explore and interact with.