

Chubby Frog



OVERVIEW

- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Size: On average 3 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 10 years
- Diet: Insectivore
- Humidity: 50% to 80%
- Temperament: Friendly
- Background Temp: 21°C (70°F) to 24°C (76°F)

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TOP TIPS

- A spray-down of the enclosure substrate as needed will aid maintaining humidity.
- A substrate that allows the frog to burrow is beneficial.
- Chubby Frogs drink water through their skin, so a water-bowl is a must. All water must be treated with a water conditioner.
- Make sure they are not able to get close to the heat and UVB source; keep plants and foliage at a safe distance from the heat and UVB sources, as per the manufacturer's recommendations.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Terrarium (HGT4545 or HGT6045)
- Heating: HabiStat Heat Mat (HHMA17) / Arcadia Deep Heat Projector (RARHP50)
- Lighting: Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS10) / HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10) / Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10) / HabiStat Coir Substrate (HSC10F)
- Water: Water bowl (HWFSL) – water must be treated with a water conditioner such as Exo Terra Aquatize (DEA120)

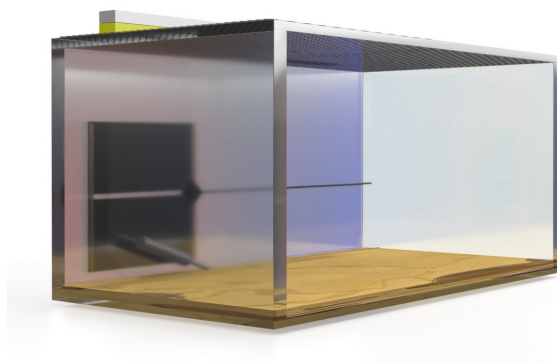
HOUSING

The following are options for a forever home for the Chubby Frog (*Kaloula pulchra*).

- HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545)
- HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45cm (HGT6045)

ENVIRONMENT

Arboreal Terrarium Setup



Heating

The Chubby Frog (*Kaloula pulchra*) is ectothermic (cold-blooded), so all their heating requirements come from an external source.

Heating a Terrarium

Use a HabiStat Heat Mat Adhesive (HHMA17) on the outside rear or side of the Terrarium, running through a suitable Thermostat such as the HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) to help reach the temperature range of 21°C (70°F) to 24°C (76°F) throughout the Terrarium.

To safely regulate the temperatures, it is recommended that the thermostat probe is placed on the inside of the Terrarium, secured centrally to the heat mat which is on the outside of the Terrarium.

Temperature and Monitoring

An ambient Terrarium temperature should be between 21°C (70°F) and 24°C (76°F)

Night-time temperatures can drop a little if necessary; 21°C (70°F) throughout would be perfectly fine.

Make sure temperatures are checked regularly to

ensure there are no extreme fluctuations.

Using a digital probe thermometer in the area where the frog spends most of its time will help monitor these temperatures. Ensure that the probe is placed somewhere that the Chubby Frog is not able to lay on it (as this would affect the readings).

For humidity, 50-80% throughout the day can be achieved by regular spraying of the enclosure and using real plants, branches, and a soil-based substrate.

Using a hygrometer will aid your ability to monitor the enclosure humidity.

Lighting

A UV light should be used for a Chubby Frog's health and wellbeing in captivity. We recommend using a UV tube which has been specifically designed for forest dwelling reptiles, such as the Arcadia ShadeDweller (RARTP8S). Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and the Chubby Frog is not able to get too close (as per the manufacturer's recommendations).

DIET & WATER

Chubby Frogs are an insectivore species. We recommend a varied insect diet, such as Crickets (HOUSECR), Locust (LCST), Roaches (LDL8) and Calci-worms (LCW40).

A source of fresh 'conditioner treated' water must always be available for Chubby Frogs. A suitably sized, shallow water bowl is recommended that the frog can climb in and out of; misting the enclosure with 'conditioner water' will also allow the frog to hydrate.

The Chubby Frog will be at its most active during the night, so it is best to feed your Frog in the evening.

Using a hygrometer will aid keeping the humidity in check.

Substrates and Decoration

The Chubby Frog is a terrestrial species (ground dwelling), so the use of a substrate and plants (either live or artificial) is essential.

HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS10), (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10) and HabiStat Coir Substrate (HSC10F) are all great burrowing substrates and they also maintain the desired humidity of the enclosure.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Chubby Frogs require additional supplementation within their diet to aid overall health. We recommend using a Calcium, magnesium, and multivitamin mix regime as needed. Arcadia EarthPro-A (RAREP100) or Arcadia Ca-Mg (RAREPCM80) are both great choices.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chubby Frogs hydrate and gain oxygen through their skin (although they do have lungs), so you must provide a fresh water source in a suitably sized bowl that the Chubby Frog can sit in; this also helps keep their skin moist.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Chubby Frog healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
WEEKLY	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Chubby Frog, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.