



Fire Belly Toad

Bombina orientalis

Care Sheet

Caging needed: 2 or 3 Fire Belly Toads will do well in a 10 or 15 gallon terrarium. Larger groups will need a 20 gallon or larger terrarium. Longer tanks are more preferable, giving them more area to roam. Since they are semi aquatic animals, at least a 60-40 split of land and water is ideal. This can be achieved by putting a Tupperware container or water dish in the enclosure. If using reptile safe soil or moss as a substrate the container or dish can be set down into the substrate for easy access. If you're not using a filtration system the water should be changed daily.

Substrate: Reptile safe soil, moss, eco earth, reptile sand can be used around the water portion of the terrarium. The substrate should be no less than 2 inches thick. Avoid using large gravel in your terrarium. Fire Belly Toads can be aggressive feeders and will experience impaction if they were to swallow gravel.

Temperature and Humidity: Day time temperatures should be in the mid-70's, while night temperatures can safely fall to 60 degrees, or even slightly less. Use of a thermometer is an important tool for monitoring the temperatures for your frogs. If these guidelines do not fall within the normal temperature of your home, consider an under the tank heating pad or low wattage nocturnal heat bulb to bump up the temperature. Provide them with a non heat producing light for 12 hours of the day so that they have a day-night cycle. Mist the tank once or twice a day to keep substrate damp and humidity up.

Diet: Gut loaded crickets and mealworms are all your toad needs. Always remember to dust your insects with calcium powder before feeding them to your toads. Fire-bellied frogs have fast metabolisms and eat a lot for such a small creature. Plan on feeding your frogs at least every other day, and provide as many food items as they will readily consume in a few hours. You do not want your frog habitat to become overrun with uneaten prey.

Average size: 2-3 inches long

Average Life Span: up to 5 years

