

Prehistoric Pets Care Sheet

White's Tree Frog/Dumpy Frog

(*Litoria caerulea*)

General Information

Dumpy frogs are found throughout New Guinea, northern Australia, and the surrounding islands. They are large arboreal tree frogs and are very easy to care for in captivity. Dumpy frogs are typically inactive during the day and can be found hunting for food at night. Female dumpy frogs are larger than males and adult frogs can reach 3-4 inches in length. Sexing these frogs is difficult, if you hear your frog calling or singing it's definitely a male. With proper care dumpy frogs can live 10-20 years or more in captivity.



Temperature

Dumpy frogs need to be maintained between 78-85 degrees during the day. Nighttime temperatures can drop into the mid 60's. During the summertime you probably won't need any supplemental heating. However, during the winter months you should probably use a low wattage heat light. A red or other dark colored light can be used at night and these lights will not disturb your frogs day and night cycle. UVB lighting is not necessary but is recommended for dumpy frogs. The UVB light will benefit any live plants and enhance the colors of your frogs. Humidity is important and you should mist your cage in the evening hours. Make sure you don't soak the entire cage, a fine misting will be sufficient.

Housing

Dumpy frogs can be housed comfortably in 10-29 gallon or larger terrariums. The cage should include plants (live or silk), branches and a water bowl. Do not use distilled or purified water for any amphibians. Never place a cage near a window where sunlight can directly shine on your cage. Cages placed in direct sunlight can easily overheat and ultimately lead to the death of your frog.

Bedding

We recommend using bark, Zoo Meds' Eco Earth, or coconut bark. The substrate should be deep enough for potted plants if you choose to setup a live vivarium.

Food

Dumpy frogs should be fed appropriate sized crickets, waxworms, and earthworms. Ideally, you should feed your dumpy frogs 3-5 times each week. These frogs also need a vitamin/mineral supplement and you should dust its crickets at least twice a week.

Cleaning and Handling

The terrarium should be cleaned as necessary. Any fecal matter or left over food should be cleaned out several times a week. Fresh clean water should be provided at all times. The inside of the terrarium can be cleaned out with an appropriate reptile cage cleaner, we recommend Natural Chemistry's Healthy Habitat. Dumpy frogs can be handled on a limited basis and always wash your hands before and after handling them.

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