

# CARE SHEET

# **Red-Eyed Tree Frog**



# **OVERVIEW**



- · Ease of Care: Intermediate
- · Adult Size: Males 2.5 inches, with females often slightly larger
- Life Span: Upwards of 5 years
- · Diet: Insects
- · Temperament: Friendly, but can be jumpy
- Background Temp: 22°C-26°C (72°F-80°F)
- Basking Area: 27°C-30°C (75°F-80°F)
- · Humidity: Daytime 50-70%, up to 100% overnight







### **TOP TIPS**

- Ensure temperatures are not allowed to get too hot as these frogs do not like too much heat.
- A tall vivarium is the best option for this arboreal frog.
- ✓ Allow some open spaces in the vivarium so that the frog can jump from branch to branch.
- Red-Eyed Tree Frogs drink water through their skin. So, a water-bowl is a must. ALL water must be treated with a water conditioner.

### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**



- Housing: Glass Terrarium
- · Heating: Heat-Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Coir & Moss
- Water: Water bowl water must be treated with a water conditioner such as Exo Terra Aquatize (DEA120)

# **HOUSING**



- A relevant sized Terrarium is the perfect housing solution for a Red-Eyed Tree Frog throughout its whole life
- HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45cm x 45cm x 60cm (18x18x24") (HGT4560)

# **ENVIRONMENT**



#### **Arboreal Vivarium Setup**



#### **Heating**

Red-Eyed Tree Frogs are nocturnal amphibians and will thrive in a terrarium with a suitable background temperature and a warmer area towards the top of the terrarium during the day. All light and heat should be off overnight.

A heat-bulb run on a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) is the ideal solution for this.

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the Red-Eyed Tree Frog. Insert the probe through the lid of the terrarium and attach directly to a branch or similar in the top quarter of the enclosure ensuring this area has a range of 24°C to 30°C (75°F - 80°F)

#### **Temperature and Monitoring**

Providing a basking area to the top of the enclosure offers a gradient for the Red-Eyed Tree Frog to choose from. The basking area (with the overhead heat bulb) should not exceed 29°C (84.2°F) leaving a cooler temperature range within the rest of the enclosure of between 22°C-25°C (71.6-78°F). The temperature must not be allowed to rise above 29°C (84.2°F) or below 20°C (68°F).

Night-time temperatures should be 21°C-23°C (69.8°F-73.4°F). If night-time temperatures are

dropping too low a HabiStat Heat Mat can be used to provide heat as needed.

Make sure temperatures are checked regularly to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

#### Lighting

In captivity, a UV light should be used for a Red-Eyed Tree Frog's health and wellbeing. 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 Red-Eyed Tree Frog is not able to get too close.

#### **Substrates and Decoration**

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a quide:

Red-Eyed Tree Frogs can be housed on HabiStat Coir with Moss added to the mix. This will retain moisture and help maintain humidity.

Wood/branches for climbing, hiding and sleeping on.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Red-Eyed Tree Frog to shelter.

Water bowl – a suitably sized water bowl must be provided. This should be deep enough to allow the frog to perch on the edge or sit with their rear end in the water.

## **DIET & WATER**



Babies through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects.

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

A source of fresh 'conditioner treated' water must always available for Red-Eyed Tree Frogs.

Misting the enclosure, again, with 'conditioner treated' water will allow the Tree Frog to hydrate.

# **SUPPLEMENTATION**



Red-Eyed Tree Frogs need additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder as per the product instructions.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



Red-Eyed Tree Frogs hydrate and gain oxygen through their skin so a water bowl is essential. The bowl should be deep enough so they can perch or sit on the edge and place their rear-end in the water. This also helps to keep their skin moist.

Always use either distilled water or water treated with a 'water conditioner'. By adding a few drops of water conditioner to your tap water it removes any chlorine/chloride in the water that could cause harm overtime to your Red-Eyed Tree Frog.

Water must be changed daily, and the bowl disinfected, with the 'conditioner' or distilled water used every time.

# **HEALTH & HYGIENE**



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Red-Eyed Tree Frog healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water. Disinfect water bowl	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water dripper	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 any live-food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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