



Chubby Frog Care Sheet

Species name:

Kaloula pulchra

Adult size:

5-7 cm

Lifespan:

10 Years

Breeding age:

1-2 years



Chubby frogs, also known as Asian painted frogs or Banded bullfrogs, are small, plump amphibians native to Southeast Asia. Their scientific name is *Kaloula pulchra*. They have rounded bodies, short limbs, and a distinctive brownish-grey colouration with stripes. Chubby frogs are nocturnal and spend much of their time hiding in moist environments to stay hydrated. They can inflate their bodies as a defence mechanism, making them appear larger to predators. In captivity, they are popular pets due to their low-maintenance care needs and docile nature. These frogs mainly feed on insects, such as crickets and small invertebrates.

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Housing:

Enclosure: Chubby Frogs are a terrestrial species; they will benefit from a glass enclosure which is longer than it is tall, 45x45x45cm is suitable.

Substrate: Use a substrate that retains moisture well, such as coconut coir or orchid bark.

Temperature:

Maintain a temperature gradient of 21-24°C within the enclosure. Provide a heat source, such as a heating pad or ceramic heat emitter on one side, to achieve a warm side.

Night-time temperature: 20-21°C

Lighting:

A UVB bulb of 2-5% UVB light should be used.

They will also require a day/night cycle. It is recommended they are provided with around 14 hours of light during the summer and down to 10 hours in the winter.

Feeding:

Diet: Chubby Frogs have a big appetite; in captivity, they will eat small insects like locusts and crickets additionally they can eat small mice as a treat.

Feeding Schedule: Feed every day and dust insects with a multivitamin supplement at least twice a week.



Hydration:

Water Bowl: Provide a water dish for the frog to bathe in. Mist the enclosure daily to maintain humidity levels around 70% and provide water droplets for the frogs to lick.

Handling and Enrichment:

Handling: It is best your frog are not handled unless it is necessary.

Enrichment: Provide rocks and branches. Artificial plants and hiding spots can help create a more stimulating environment.

Health Care:

Health Checks: Regularly observe your Frogs to see if you notice any changes in behaviour, appetite, or appearance. If something does not seem right seek professional advice promptly.

Hygiene: Keep the enclosure clean, removing waste and uneaten food promptly.

Quarantine: Quarantine new Frogs before introducing them to existing ones to prevent the spread of disease.

Chubby Frogs make fascinating pets when provided with the right care. Always do thorough research and consult with a veterinarian for specific advice based on your animals' individual needs.