



Painted Chorus Frog Care Sheet

Species name:

Microhyla butleri

Adult size:

2-3cm

Lifespan:

7-10 Years

Breeding age:

3-5 years



Painted chorus frogs, *Microhyla butleri*, are small, vibrant amphibians found in Southeast Asia. They are named for their distinctive, colourful markings, which vary across individuals. Typically inhabiting lowland forests and agricultural areas, these frogs are known for their loud, distinctive calls during the breeding season, which often occur after rain. Painted chorus frogs are nocturnal, hiding under leaf litter or in burrows during the day. They primarily feed on small insects and other invertebrates. Despite their small size, these frogs play a significant role in controlling insect populations and maintaining ecological balance in their habitats.

Housing:

Enclosure: Painted Chorus Frogs are a terrestrial species; they will benefit from a glass enclosure which is longer than it is tall, 30x30x20cm is suitable.

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

Temperature:

Maintain a temperature gradient of 23-25°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: Painted Chorus 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.

Painted Chorus 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.