How To Care for Fire Belly Toads

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Fire belly toads are native to northeastern China, Korea, southern Japan, and southern parts of Russia. They are very popular as pets.

They are **amphibians**. An amphibian is a **cold-blooded animal**. A cold-blooded animal is an animal that cannot control their body temperature. Fire belly toads eat insects like worms and crickets.
Scientific Name: Bombina Orientalis

Size: About 2 inches (5 centimeters)

Lifestyle: Semiaquatic

Care Level: Great for beginners

Lifespan: 10-13 years (sometimes longer)
Tank Setup

What is needed for fire belly toads to live?

✓ Suitable size tank, minimum 10 gallons (4 gallons per every 1 frog)
✓ Well vented lid for tank
✓ 75% of the tank water
✓ Water
✓ 25% of the tank land (smooth rocks, moss, gravel)
✓ Smooth Plants
✓ Hiding Places
✓ Recommended 2 or more toads (Toads need friends too!)
✓ Fun decorations are allowed too (They love to climb!)
Fire belly toads need to eat a minimum of 2 times per week. They can be fed crickets, meal worms, and other insects.
The tank needs to be cleaned at least once every two weeks.

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<td>✓ Move toads into separate holding tank with water</td>
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<td>✓ Remove all decorations from tank and rinse with hot water</td>
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<td>✓ Rinse all gravel with hot water</td>
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<td>✓ Begin adding decorations back into tank</td>
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<td>✓ Fill separate bowl with room temperature water and de-chlorinator</td>
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<td>✓ Introduce frogs back in to tank</td>
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Glossary

**Amphibians**- Cold blooded vertebrae animal knows for having gills when young and using lungs as adults.

**De-Chlorinator**- Drops that remove chlorine from water.

**Semiaquatic**- Describes something that lives on land and in water.
Works Referenced


Common Core State Standards

2.S.3.2.1 Identify four basic needs of all living things (food, shelter, water, space). (563.01.a)

2.S.5.1.1 Compare and contrast man-made and natural environments. (566.01.a)
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