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# African Dwarf Frog

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## About the African Dwarf Frog

The African Dwarf Frog is a good pet frog for beginners and is relatively easy to care for if done properly. This complimentary e-book will not only inform you on this interesting reptile, but guide you through the steps of how to properly care for your new African Dwarf Frog pet. We hope you enjoy this informative source of African Dwarf Frog information to not only have a healthy African Dwarf Frog, but a happy African Dwarf Frog pet.

Average Length	2 inches	Characteristics	Far-sighted, aquatic animal
Average Lifespan	Up to 5 years	Special Needs	Stable water temperature
Coloring	Many colors and patterns	Health Concerns	Prone to bacterial and fungal infections, mouth rot, blister disease



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## African Dwarf Frog Characteristics

The African Dwarf Frog is an aquatic creature; they can live underwater for hours, only occasionally needing to come up for air. The African Dwarf Frog grows to about 2 inches. They have webbed feet and hands. This reptile requires minimal care, but must be cared for properly for optimal health. They shed their skin every few weeks as they grow and will eat that skin once dispelled. African Dwarf Frogs are far-sighted, but they use their senses and vibrations and feel around. They have a life span of up to 5 years when properly taken care of. These frogs can live with other aquatic life, as long as they are not in danger of being eaten by them. Fish of the same size as your frog should be introduced into the tank. The African Dwarf Frog can also live along side another African Dwarf Frog, including females for breeding purposes. A frog that is well cared for and healthy will be seen swimming actively in the tank. They will also display characteristics such as hiding, eating vigorously, remaining at the bottom half of the tank and have clear eyes and smooth skin. These are all signs of a healthy frog.

## Selecting Your African Dwarf Frog

Before you acquire an exotic animal of any kind, it is important to research and read about its care. As the interest in owning reptiles has increased over the last several years, many books and pamphlets have been produced to help potential new owners discover what species is right for them.

Select a frog that is responsive when handled. Consider not only the overall look of the frog, but also its current living conditions; this will give you an indication of how well it is cared for. Be sure to only select a frog from a pet shop or breeder in which all animals appear to be healthy and well cared for. Some things to look for:

- full and plump bodies
- healthy, smooth skin
- bright and clear eyes



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## Selecting Your African Dwarf Frog's Habitat

When selecting your reptile's habitat, it is important to consider several things such as what type and size is appropriate, substrate, temperature, light, furniture, and what type of feeding accommodations are necessary.

### Type and Size of Your African Dwarf Frog's Habitat

When bringing home your new African Dwarf Frog pet, you will want to prepare your home for your new addition. Proper caging of your African Dwarf Frog is necessary. The African Dwarf Frog should be kept in a tank that is 10 gallons or larger. Be sure to have a cover over the tank to prevent your frog from jumping out. Keeping a stable water temperature of between 70 and 80 degrees in the tank is essential. Also pH levels and water quality are very important to keeping a healthy African Dwarf Frog. Check the tank daily for water quality and clean every other week as well as changing most of the water every two to four weeks. You can feed your African Dwarf Frog once a day; they can be fed raw tuna flesh, bloodworm, frog pellets, shrimp or small earthworms. When feeding frozen bloodworm, be sure to feed them thawed. You will also want to equip your tank with such things as thermometers, heaters and substrate.

The African Dwarf Frog does not require many cage accessories, and a simple arrangement will be easiest to clean and maintain. Plants and possible areas to hide in will make your African Dwarf Frog much more at home in his new surroundings.

### Habitat Care and Maintenance

Any debris and feces should be removed from the tank on a daily basis. You will need to check the water quality of the tank every day. pH levels and water quality are both very important to the health of your frog. The water should be changed out every 2 to 4 weeks.

Maintaining a happy and healthy habitat for your frog can be generally easy, as long as you keep up with it. Regularly change your water to assure and maintain good health.

### Feeding

African Dwarf Frogs are mainly carnivores, meaning they eat meat. They enjoy small pieces of raw tuna (not the stuff in the can), bloodworms, frog pellets, small shrimp or small earthworms. If you have frozen food, such as frozen bloodworms, make sure it is thawed before you feed it to your frog.



You'll need these basics before your African Dwarf Frog comes home. Click the items below to go to CheapPetStore.com to find the best prices for online pet supplies.

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### The African Dwarf Frog Baby

At this stage of your African Dwarf Frog's life, starting them out properly will ensure that you keep a happy and healthy African Dwarf Frog for the span of their life. When you bring them home, make sure the water temperature and water quality are alright. Feed him as moderate amount of food. If he does not eat it all, give him a little less the next time.

### The African Dwarf Frog Adult

As your African Dwarf Frog grows, their needs change. You will want to be sure your adult African Dwarf Frog has adjusted to their surroundings. Adults can be fed insects every day and will enjoy a variety of fishy foods such as bloodworms, raw tuna, shrimp or commercially made frog pellets (food).

### The Senior African Dwarf Frog

As you go through the years with your African Dwarf Frog, you will want to ensure they are comfortable, healthy, adhering to their diets, and maintaining their water quality. You may want to take him for annual visits to a veterinarian who specializes in reptiles. This will ensure that your African Dwarf Frog stays healthy for years to come.

## Medical Considerations

African Dwarf Frogs have some medical conditions you may want to consider.

They are prone to bacterial infections. Symptoms include cloudy eyes, reddening of the skin and open sores. You should contact a veterinarian and give your Dwarf Frog antibacterial medicine appropriate to their species. Also improving the water quality in their tanks may help. They are also prone to fungal infections; the characteristics you want to look for are red inflamed skin or any abnormal skin discoloration or changes. You will need to quarantine your Dwarf Frog immediately and begin a treatment of malachite green base medicine. To avoid any illness of your African Dwarf Frog, keep their tanks clean and monitor the water quality. Also do not overcrowd the tank, as over crowding tends to lead to stress in your African Dwarf Frog.

## Necessary Items

Besides its main habitat, the tank, an African Dwarf Frog does not need much. You will need a heater for the water and test strips to test the pH level of the water. Add frog food and a few plants and other items in the tank and you should have a happy frog!



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