## 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 eay 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)



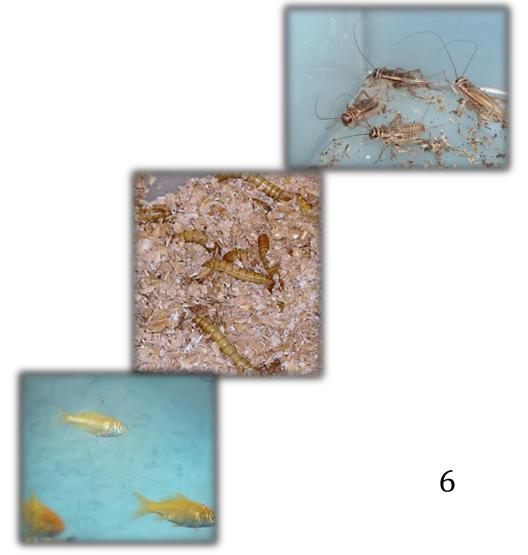




#### What is needed for fire belly toads to live?

- ✓ 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.



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

### Glossary

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

<u>De-Chlorinator</u>- Drops that remove chlorine from water.

<u>Semiaquatic</u>- Describes something that lives on land and in water.

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### 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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