



# Reptile Systems

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**ZONE 1**  
UVI 0.7 - 1.4



## Argentine Horned Frog

*Ceratophrys ornata*

### Distribution

Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil



#### Adult Size

10-15cm  
(4-6 inches)



#### Life Span

6-10 years



#### Experience

Beginner



#### Handling

Will tolerate  
some handling



### Natural habitat

Argentine Horned Frogs are typically found in grasslands and the forest floor of Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela.

### Housing

Argentine Horned Frogs do best within a glass enclosure with adequate ventilation, this will make it easier to control the crucial temperatures and air flow required inside the habitat. The minimum enclosure size would be 60 x 45 x 30cm (24 x 18 x 12 inches) for a single adult. If you can provide a larger enclosure, then this will benefit your animal.



### Heating

Argentine Horned Frogs do not require a basking spot just ambient day temperatures with a night time drop.



#### Ambient daytime range

24-29°C (75-85°F)

#### Ambient night-time range

20-24°C (68-75°F)

The ambient temperatures are easily achieved using a Reptile Systems Heat Mat or Reptile Systems Heat Cable run through a Reptile Systems Thermostat. You can also use a low wattage Reptile Systems Ceramic Heat Emitter in combination with a Reptile Systems Small Black Clamp Lamp.

### Lighting

Argentine Horned Frogs are within Zone 1 in the Ferguson scale they require a UVI of 0-1.4. The ideal photo period would be 12 hours with all the lights on and 12 hours with all the lights off.

The recommended UVI range can easily be achieved using a Reptile Systems Zone 1 T5 / T8 lamps, Reptile Systems 3U 6% compact lamp, or a Zone 1 Eco Unit.



### Substrate

A wide range of substrates can be used but for a naturalistic enclosure a mix of soil with the addition of orchid bark / cypress mulch, leaf litter and moss to add interest and textures for your animal.

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### Water / humidity

Argentine Horned Frogs should be provided with fresh water daily, in a reasonable sized bowl with is heavy enough that your pet can not tip.

It is also important to mist the enclosure daily as Argentine Horned Frogs require an ambient humidity of 50-80%.

Adding Live plants to an enclosure is a great way to help maintain humidity.



### Diet / Nutrition

Argentine Horned Frogs are opportunistic feeders and will eat anything that fits in their mouths. Argentine Horned Frogs diet should mainly consist of wide variety of insects the diet can include crickets, cockroaches, locusts, silkworm, calciworm, mealworm as well as a variety of other life foods that are commercially available; it is important to remember to gut load your insects prior to feeding and this can be easily achieved using Reptile Systems Insect Food.

On occasion Argentine Horned Frogs can also be offered mice to add extra protein to their diet.

Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra should be used 3 times a week as a dust on insects and Reptile Systems Vit-a-min should be used twice a week as a dust on insects (as a guide for adult animals).



### Handling

Caution should be taken when handling this species, always wear a pair of disposable gloves which are damp, amphibians should never be handled with dry bare hands. Keep in mind that they are ambush predators it is advisable to only approach them from behind.



### Suggested Reptile Systems Products

#### Black Clamp Lamp

Multi directional ceramic lamp fitting with reflector.

#### Ceramic Heat Emitter

Perfect from creating ambient heat with no light.

#### Zone 1 T5 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

#### Zone 1 T8 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

#### Zone 1 Eco Unit

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, reliable electronic controller.

#### T8 Electronic Controller

Flicker free ballast unit for T8 lamps.

#### Proten New Dawn LED

LED light source to support live plants.

#### Reptile Systems 3U 6% compact Lamp

#### Reptile Systems Heat Mat

#### Reptile Systems Heat Cable

#### Reptile Systems on / off Thermostat

#### Reptile Systems Insect Food

#### Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra

#### Reptile Systems Vit-A-Min

#### Reptile Systems Compact Lamp Unit

This care guide could also be applied Giant African Bull frogs, Cane Toads, and Tomato Frogs.

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