



## Technical care sheet

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### Giant African Bullfrog (Pixie frog)

#### **Classification**

**Order :** Anura  
**Family :** Pyxicephalidae  
**Genera :** Pyxicephalus  
**Species :** *Pyxicephalus adspersus*

#### **Description**

**Adult length :** - Male : 4.5 to 10 inches  
- Female : 3.5 to 5.5 inches  
**Adult weight :** - Male : 2-4 pounds  
- Female : 1 lbs pounds  
**Lifespan :** 15-25 years  
**Time of activity :** Diurnal

#### **Climatic parameters**

**Basking temperature :** 32 degrees Celsius  
**Average temperature :** 26-27 degrees Celsius  
**Cold side temperature :** 24 degrees Celsius  
**Night temperature :** 20-22 degrees Celsius  
**Humidity :** 70-90% \*

\*Pixie frogs experience a long period of draught in the wild during which they will estivate. They will shed multiple times to create a cocoon to minimize water loss. They can stay up to 10 months burrowed in the ground. They will do the same in captivity if the cage is too dry. Giving them access to a large pond (or water bowl) will normally prevent them from doing that.



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### ***Terrarium***

**Size :** - Baby/Juvenil : 20\*10\*12'' or 24\*12\*12''  
- Adult : 36\*18\*12''

**Substrate :** Eco Earth or Zoomed Reptisoil

### ***Lights***

**Heating :** Incandescent heat bulb or ceramic heat emitter

**UVB :** Arcadia Shadedweller 7%

### ***Feeding***

**Type :** Carnivorous/Insectivorous diet

- Insects : Crickets, wax worms, black soldier fly larvae, meal worms, superworms, goliath worms, silk worms, roaches, night crawler worms.
- Meat : Small fish, small rodents, baby chicks.

**Supplements :** - Dust calcium on every insect meal (with D3 if no UVB)  
- Dust vitamins once a week

**Frequency :** Feed 3 times a week.

**Hydration :** Large waterbowl always accessible. Mist the cage as require to maintain proper humidity.

### ***Cohabitation***

Males are very territorial and will fight each other for territory. They shouldn't be housed together. Females can be housed in groups if the cage is large enough.

### ***Manipulation***

Like other amphibians, keep manipulation to a strict minimum. Carefull to not drop them while in the hands, they are clumsy.