



RED EYED TREE FROG

# CARE GUIDE

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Red-eyed tree frogs (*Agalychnis callidryas*) are captivating amphibians known for their vibrant colours and distinctive red eyes. Native to the rainforests of Central America, these frogs make fascinating pets for those willing to meet their specific care requirements. This guide provides essential information to ensure your red-eyed tree frog thrives in its home environment.

## Habitat Setup

### Enclosure

- **Size:** A 20-gallon tall terrarium is ideal for a pair of adult red-eyed tree frogs. Vertical space is crucial as they are arboreal.
- **Material:** Glass enclosures with a secure mesh lid are recommended to maintain humidity while allowing ventilation.

### Substrate

- **Type:** Use organic, moisture-retaining substrates like coconut fiber or sphagnum moss to mimic their natural environment.
- **Depth:** A 2-inch layer is sufficient to maintain humidity and provide a comfortable surface.

### Decor

- **Plants:** Include live or artificial plants to provide climbing opportunities and cover. Bromeliads and philodendrons are good choices.
- **Branches and Vines:** Provide sturdy branches and vines for climbing. These should be securely positioned to prevent shifting.
- **Water Source:** A shallow water dish should be available for soaking, with dechlorinated water changed daily.

## Environmental Conditions

### Temperature

- **Daytime:** Maintain temperatures between 75-85°F (24-29°C).
- **Nighttime:** Allow a drop to 65-75°F (18-24°C) to replicate natural conditions.
- **Heating:** Use a low-wattage heat lamp or heating pad if necessary, but avoid overheating.

### Humidity

- **Levels:** Keep humidity between 70-80%.
- **Maintenance:** Mist the enclosure daily and use a hygrometer to monitor levels.

## Lighting

- **Cycle:** Provide a 12-hour light/dark cycle using a UVB light to support vitamin D3 synthesis and overall health.
- **Intensity:** Moderate lighting is sufficient; avoid direct exposure to intense, hot lights.

## Diet and Feeding

### Food

- **Insects:** Red-eyed tree frogs primarily eat live insects such as crickets, mealworms, and waxworms.
- **Frequency:** Feed adults 3-4 times a week, offering 3-6 appropriately-sized insects per feeding.

### Supplements

- **Calcium:** Dust insects with a calcium supplement at least twice a week.
- **Multivitamin:** Use a reptile-safe multivitamin once a week to ensure balanced nutrition.

## Health and Handling

### Common Health Issues

- **Dehydration:** Ensure proper humidity and access to fresh water to prevent dehydration.
- **Nutritional Deficiencies:** Regularly provide calcium and vitamins to prevent deficiencies that can lead to metabolic bone disease.

### Handling Tips

- **Minimize Stress:** Limit handling to reduce stress. Use clean, damp hands when necessary to avoid damaging their sensitive skin.
- **Hygiene:** Always wash your hands before and after handling to prevent the spread of bacteria.

## Conclusion

Caring for red-eyed tree frogs requires commitment to maintaining their environmental needs and diet. With the right setup and attention to detail, these visually stunning frogs can thrive and captivate their owners with their unique beauty and behaviour. Enjoy your journey with these remarkable amphibians!

