African dwarf frogs originated in the rivers and streams of central Africa. These fully aquatic amphibians never need to leave the water. African dwarf frogs can be kept with community fish. Their colors can range from olive green to brownish green.

facts

- **scientific name:** Hymenochirus curtipes
- **average adult size:** 1¼ inches long
- **average life span:** up to 5 years with proper care
- **diet:** omnivore
- **minimum aquarium size:** 10+ gallons
- **water temperature:** 72 to 82˚

*Note: The information on this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, refer to the Sources section or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.*
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Hymenochirus curtipes
care sheet

red flags
■ Loss of appetite
■ Hazy or cloudy eyes
■ Does not swim away from capture
■ Floating on the top of the aquarium
■ Bloating
■ Weight loss
■ Signs of disease

common health issues

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<td>Improve water quality and consult your aquatic veterinarian for treatment.</td>
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<td>Fungal infection</td>
<td>White cottony growth and/or discoloration of the eyes.</td>
<td>Quarantine frog immediately; seek veterinary advice.</td>
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If you notice any of these signs, test water quality and improve as necessary.
shopping list for needed supplies

- Appropriately sized aquarium
- Appropriate food, dry and frozen
- Décor
- Water conditioner
- Filter
- Water test kit
- Full spectrum lighting
- Net
- Thermometer
- Freshwater substrate
- Heater
- Airline tubing
- Airstone
- Air pump
- Book about African dwarf frogs

sources

Ask a store partner about Petco’s selection of books on African dwarf frogs and the variety of private brand products available for the care and happiness of your new pet. All private brand products carry a 100% money-back guarantee.

Because all aquatic life are potential carriers of infectious diseases, such as Atypical Mycobacterium and Salmonella, always wash your hands before and after handling your aquatic life or habitat contents to help prevent the potential spread of disease.

Pregnant women, children under the age of 5, senior citizens and people with weakened immune systems should contact their physician before purchasing or caring for aquatic life and should consider not having aquatic life as a pet.

Go to cdc.gov/healthypets and petco.com/caresheet for more information about aquatic frogs and disease.

This Care Sheet can cover the care needs of other species. Go to petco.com for more information.