

# FROG FOREST DESIGNS

## How to care for your new Dart Frog Tadpole:

Dart frog tadpoles are fairly easy to care for, and with a little patience, it will soon grow into your very own dart frog!

**HOUSING:** Tadpoles of course need water to develop in. The water your tadpole came in is a special "Tadpole Tea" that you can easily recreate at home. We use Blackwater Extract (sold by many fish/aquatic stores), diluted and mixed with Reverse Osmosis (RO) water. Some people have great luck raising them in just RO water, but we've found that the Tadpole Tea helps ensure good development. Your tadpole water will also come with a small Indian Almond leaf, and some Java Moss. The leaf helps condition the water, while the moss helps oxygenate the water and both can also be a food source.

We recommend doing water changes as needed, to keep the tadpole's waste and detritus under control. You can simply suck out the waste matter with a turkey baster (or similar) and introduce new water when done.

**FOOD:** Tadpoles that are raised externally by their keepers can be fed a variety of things that will help them continue to develop. Fish Flakes are a good feeder, and a high protein variety is key. Omega One flakes are a top choice. Repashy Soilent Green is another great feeder, as a specially formulated algae mixture. Another great choice are commercially packaged Tadpole Bites sold by several different makers. Variety is always good, so while they can survive on being fed just one of the above items, we suggest you rotate through as many of these as you can.

**TEMPERATURE:** Ideally, you should try and keep your tadpole's water temperature in the mid 70's F. Warmer temps help the development process speed up, while colder temps slow it down. We keep our tadpoles slightly higher than room temperature by a fluorescent light that puts off a small amount of heat, just above them.

Depending on what species tadpole you're caring for, they may take several weeks to a couple months before they fully develop into a froglet. In that time, keep up with the above care until they climb out of the water. Once they are at that stage, make sure and have a small growout container ready for them. There are many ways to create a froglet growout, so we suggest you do some research online and find one that you can recreate.

Please feel free to contact us anytime if you have any further questions about vivarium or dart frog care, and we will be more than happy to help!

