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Spanish Ribbed Newt

Pleurodeles waltl

Care Sheet

Average Size

7 - 9 inches long

Average Lifespan

7 - 10 years

Diet

Spanish Ribbed Newts are carnivores. Chopped night crawlers, blood worms, black worms, daphnia, brine shrimp, newt/axolotl specific pellets, and some sinking fish pellets are all healthy and usually accepted. Spanish Ribbed Newts should be fed 2-3 times a week.

Feeding

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Housing

Habitat - Spanish Ribbed Newts are native to the Iberian Peninsula. Spanish Ribbed Newts can easily be housed together with similar sized tank mates. Spanish Ribbed Newts like plants, offer either live or fake plants to allow them to hide and reduce stress. Make sure to have plants for both ground cover and vertically oriented. Spanish Ribbed Newts enjoy resting on the vertical plants with their head at the surface.

Size - 1-2 adult Spanish Ribbed Newts can be housed in a 10-gallon aquarium their entire life. Larger aquariums are always better. If adding additional newts to the tank, add at least 5 extra gallons per newt to the aquarium size.

Substrate - Spanish Ribbed Newts are fully aquatic. Sand or large gravel are acceptable as a substrate. Some keepers prefer to keep the aquarium bare bottom for ease of maintenance. Gravel should be too large for the Spanish Ribbed Newt to ingest to prevent impaction.

Temperature - Spanish Ribbed Newts require a water temperature of 66° to 74° F. Higher temperatures can result in stress, bacterial infections and potentially death.

Water and Filtration - Never use plain tap water. It will kill your Spanish Ribbed Newts. Always use a tap water conditioner that removes chlorine and chloramines. Some keepers choose not to use a filter, but water would need to be changed every other day. A sponge filter, small internal filter or small hang on the back filter with a low flow rate works best. With any filtration a 10-20% water change weekly is recommended. Make sure to change filter media as needed.

Lighting - Lighting is not required for Spanish Ribbed Newts. Spanish Ribbed Newts prefer a dimly lit aquarium. If a light is used, floating plants are recommended to diffuse the light. For live planted aquariums or aesthetics lights may be used. Make sure that the light puts off little or no heat so the aquarium water doesn't over heat.



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