

## **SAMPLE WORK**

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Owning an aquarium can be a rewarding as well as challenging hobby. There are times however, when tanks can become boring and mundane. Purchasing frogs for freshwater aquariums is one way to liven up an aquarium and bring back the challenge of keeping fish.

There are several different types of frogs for freshwater aquariums. The African Dwarf frog is one of the more popular breeds that is purchased for the tank. As its name states, this frog originates from the Congo region of Africa. In the wild it can be found in shallow waterways. This frog prefers to spend its time underwater near rocks and sand where it can avoid larger fish and animals. It does need to surface occasionally as it has fully developed lungs and not gills. This frog can grow to approximately two and half inches and lives for about five years. The frog is brown and gray spotted with a white belly and webbed feet.

The African Dwarf frog is often mistaken for the African Clawed Frog. The latter species however can grow to a size of four and a half inches making it much larger in size. Also, the African Clawed frog has long front feet that are not webbed. They use these legs for grabbing and eating their prey. The back feet are equipped hard tips that look like claws which is where this frog get its name. This frog is very aggressive and should not be placed in a tank with smaller docile fish. The African Clawed frog is normally brown and gray spotted with a white belly. But they can change their color to blend in with their environment. This frog also includes an albino breed that is a pink and yellow in color.

The last breed of frogs for freshwater aquariums is the Indonesian Floating frog. In the wild this species can be found in the waterways of Southeast Asia and China. This frog is much smaller achieving a maximum length of one and a half inches and lives for approximately three years. As their name states, this frog prefers to float on the top of the water. They do occasionally dive under the water as well as lay on rocks on the shore. However, the frog will spend the majority of its time on the surface in slow moving waters. This frog is a light brown and green color with a light colored stripe that runs down its back. This species has all webbed feet.

Frogs for freshwater aquariums eat a variety of small insects that can be purchased at local pet stores. The Indonesian Floating frog prefers a diet of crickets. African Clawed frogs on the other hand prefer a diet of bloodworms, tubifex worm blocks or tetra reptomin sticks. African Dwarf frogs enjoy eating live black worms and live brine shrimp.