



# ★ AXOLOTL ★ SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

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ITEM	PLU#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Tank (20+ gal)			
Light fixture			
Filtration			
Thermometer			
Food (sinking / frozen)			
Hiding place/ cave			
<b>SUGGESTIONS:</b>			
Substrate (Sand)			
Lid			
Background			
Additional food			
Test kit			
Fine mesh net			
Gravel washer			
Decorations			
Fluval Cycle			
Dechlorinator			
Timer			

KREWE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ambystoma mexicanum*



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**ADULT SIZE:** up to 18 inches

**NATIVE TO:** Discovered in several lakes near Mexico City, there are fewer than 1000 axolotls left in the wild in Lake Xochimilco, Mexico.

**GROUPING:** Keep by themselves or in a group (depends on the temperament of your particular pets) Generally, adults are okay in groups when provided with at least 10 gallons per adult. **Young axolotls may nibble on each others limbs (They grow back!).** Axolotls might also eat fish tankmates.

**HABITAT:** Minimum 20 gallon long aquarium (30" x 12" x 12") for one adult plus 10 gallons for each additional axolotl. A 40 gallon breeder or 75 gallon gives you room to create an ideal habitat.

**SUBSTRATE:** The best substrate is no substrate. Axolotls suck prey into their mouth to eat, so traditional aquarium gravel can cause impaction—try large river stones if you want something on the bottom or sand made for aquarium use. (it is safe and clean)

**LIGHTING:** Axolotls have sensitive eyes and prefer dim lighting. In the wild, axolotls live at the bottom of their aquatic environment where light is naturally filtered out by plants and water. Adding an LED light will allow you to grow live plants and see your pet better. Caves and hiding places are **REQUIRED**, not just so that your pet can escape the light, but to provide a secure retreat. Use a timer to follow a 12 hour day/night cycle.

**TEMPERATURE:** Axolotls thrive in cool water, ideally 60°-65°F. You may need a cooling fan to help; use a thermometer to be sure. Do not place the tank in a window.

**WATER:** Fill the tank to about 2" below the rim with dechlorinated fresh water. If your tank is new and has not fully cycled, add Fluval Cycle (beneficial bacteria) to the water when you add the axolotl. They don't like water flow, so use a sponge filter or an internal power filter. (squeeze the sponge in water removed from your tank to clean it).

**WATER CHANGES:** At least once a month, change out 50% of the aquarium water. A healthy axolotl's gills will be fluffy and flowy, any change indicates a problem with water quality. (test every few weeks with a home test kit, or bring in a sample of your water for us to test.) When in doubt, do a partial water change. For more info see our "Water & Water Changes" handout.

**DIET:** Young axolotls should be fed daily. Adult axolotls can be fed every other day. Feed worms, insects, shrimp, and small fish. Offer a **variety** of food such as live nightcrawlers, blackworms, frozen/thawed brine shrimp or bloodworms. Use a target feeder (similar to a turkey baster) to feed the frozen/thawed food. You can also use tongs to feed sinking pelleted fish food. **REMOVE** any uneaten food. *Pro tip: Turn off the power to your filter while you feed to allow the foods to sink to the bottom where your axolotl hangs out. REMEMBER TO TURN IT BACK ON!*

**HANDLING & TEMPERAMENT:** Some pets want to snuggle; an Axolotl is NOT one of them! **DO NOT** handle your axolotl or remove it from the aquarium unless it is absolutely necessary. If you must move them from their aquarium, use a fine mesh net.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Axolotls have the ability to regenerate limbs, gills, and parts of their eyes and brains!

