



## Axolotls (Mexican Walking Fish)

- They can grow up to 30cm and live for 10-15 years
- A 60 x 30 x 30 cm tank will house 2 Axolotls
- They thrive in 12 to 18 degrees celsius – they can die from fungus in warmer tanks and be unwilling to eat – if the tank temperature is creeping up-drop a frozen esky brick in just before feeding but don't let it drop under 10 degrees celsius
- Make sure you have a thermometer to monitor the tanks temperature
- Only use a thin layer of gravel
- You must use water conditioner and we recommend bio builder to keep the tank clean
- Adding aquarium or synthetic sea salt will harden the water – they like it to be around 300ppm – this can be tested with a hardness test kit
- Provide plenty of hiding spots using rocks and plants
- Must be kept in water at all times as they can not breathe out of water
- Feed earth worms and sinking pellets which you can alternate every second day, small feeder fish can be given as a treat
- Maintain good quality water with aeration and filtration – see our maintenance recommendation page
- They need a pH of 7.00 -7.5; they do not tolerate low pH levels so test weekly
- They are nocturnal, feed better at dusk and respond better in low light conditions (bright light causes stress)
- Axolotls will eat smaller fish and larger fish will eat their gills so don't mix