

# Project Axolotl Beginner's Guide



## What is an Axolotl

Axolotls are fully aquatic amphibians that stay in their larval form for life. They are hardy pets but need the right environment to thrive. With proper care, they can live 10-15 years!

## Feeding Your Axolotl

Axolotls are carnivores! Their diet should be high in protein:

- ✓ Staple Diet – Axolotl pellets
- ✓ Best Treats – Earthworms, frozen bloodworms, blackworms
- ✗ Avoid – Feeder fish (carry parasites), large shrimp, or mealworms

💡 How Often?

🐟 Juveniles: Daily | 🐸 Adults: Every 2-3 days

## Tank Setup Essentials

- Minimum Tank Size – 20 gallons per axolotl
- Water Temperature – 60-68°F (16-20°C) (avoid heat!)
- Filtration – Low-flow or sponge filter to prevent stress
- Substrate – Fine sand or bare bottom (gravel can be dangerous!)
- Hiding Spots – Caves, plants, tunnels for security
- Tank Mates? – No! Axolotls prefer to be alone

💖 Need help getting setup?  
[Our tank setup guide is here](#)

## ⚠️ Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ❌ Warm Water – Over 70°F (21°C) causes stress & illness
- ❌ Loose Gravel or Stones – Axolotls swallow them, causing impaction
- ❌ Tank Mates – Fish & shrimp may bite their delicate gills
- ❌ Overfeeding – Leads to obesity & poor water quality
- ❌ Strong Water Flow – Can stress them out

**Final Tip!**  
✨ Set up your axolotl's home **BEFORE** bringing them home!  
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