

CARING FOR AXOLOTLS

- Water
 - Fill tank approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ full and add the tap water conditioner, following instructions on the bottle
- Food
 - Ensure food blocks remains in the freezer – only take out when ready to feed
 - Offer food with tweezers and tap the axolotl on the nose. If they don't eat you can try again later in the day
 - Food can be offered everyday but as axolotls are amphibians they do not have to eat often so do not worry if they refuse – we recommend feeding 3x week.
- Cleaning
 - Ensure all uneaten meat is removed after feeding
 - They shouldn't need a water change while on loan, however any excess debris can be scooped out using the net provided (ensure net is rinsed off afterwards)
- Moving axolotls
 - Do not handle axolotls
 - Once the tank is set up, float the axolotl in the bag in the water. This allows the axolotl to slowly become accustomed to the water temperature
 - When returning the axolotl, half fill the bag provided with water from the tank. Use the net to scoop the axolotl into the bag and ensure it is secured shut
 - Axolotls **MUST** be transported inside a bag, inside the bucket
- Axolotls suffer from heat stress, do not place tank in front of a window. If temperatures are forecasted to be hot on the day of pickup or return a staff member will contact you to make other arrangements
- Axolotls must be checked over the weekend