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DO NOT add or leave GRAVEL OR PEBBLES in the tank! NO ROCKS OR ANYTHING IN THE TANK SMALLER THAN THE AXOLOTL(S). (Take notice of above photo on how wide they can open their mouths) in gallon tank (\$15 at Walmart). Never add other animals to your Axolotl tank, they can nip at an Axolotl or have an illness that can spread to your Axolotl(s). Only add other Axolotls, if enough tank space is available. Never use soap to clean tank or anything that touches the tank (net, plants decoration). Use a turkey baster (for poop clean up or uneaten food). I know it's hard to resist..... but don't try to hold your Axoloti. You can harm their slime coating that protects them, also it could stress them out (you may see pictures of me holding a few of mine underwater but this is just for size comparison). Do Not feed Axolotl, fish food or anything not mentioned below, unless researched beforehand.FoodYour axolotl(s) will be eating Frozen Blood Worm cubes, sold at most pet stores> They can also eat frozen brine shrimp. Once the Axoloti is a little bigger, earth worms can be fed purchased at Walmart or bait shops. Sinking Salamander pellets can also be fed. However, worms are better and will show in their gill size. I recommend feeding in a tub-aware or anything the Axolotl can fit in and have enough water, this helps keep your tank water clean and safe for your Axolotl. Axolotls should never be kept in feeding tub for longer than 30 minutes. Do not remove Axolotl from water, they have weak lungs and cannot live without water. Axolotls are a big animal on the internet right now. Many people, including myself, are wondering what they are and if they make good pets. Here is some research I found about what they are, how much they cost, and how to take care of them. So, what should a beginner know? A Pink Axolotl is a salamander species A.K.A. the Mexican Walking Fish. They cost between \$20-\$45 depending on age. They need a 15-20 gallon tank with cool water away from sunlight, and a water filter. They need to be fed once a day for young Axolotls, and every other day for full-grown Axolotls. To learn more about what Pink Axolotls are, where and how much you can buy them for, and how to properly take care of them, continue reading What is a Pink Axolotl? A Pink Axolotl is part of the Salamander species. They are also known by the name, "Mexican Walking Fish". More and more people are starting to show interest in having these Pink Axolotls as pets. They are easy to care for and compare to the difficulty level of a fish. They usually live anywhere from 10 to 15 years but have been known to live past 20 years in some cases. Make sure that is you are considering buying an Axoloti as a pet that you consider the commitment to the time of having this animal. Adult Axolotls usually grow up to about 9 inches on average. Anything past 12 inches is possible but, rarer. They have been known to get up to around 18 inches though, and can be as small as 6 inches, but that is also rare. Axolotls are aquatic animals and need to be kept in water to be able to survive. In the wild they live in freshwater lakes in Mexico, but when kept as pets in captivity they live in large aquarium tanks. The Axolotls are native to two lakes in Mexico, Lake Xochimilco, and Lake Chalco. Lake Chalco no longer exists, and Lake Xochimlco, is left to only canals. This is putting the Axolotls species in danger. They are officially on the threatened species list. Because Axolotls are from the Salamander family, they also have the regenerative ability. They have been known to regenerate limbs, and even parts of their brain. Axolotls come in many different colors. One of the most popular being the Pink Axolotls, more scientifically known as the Leucistic Axolotl. The skin color is a genetic trait and comes from the parents, much like the fur color of a dog, or the hair color of a person. Where can you buy a Pink Axolotl, and How much do they cost? You can usually buy Axolotls from exotic pet shops, or Axolotl breeders. Call ahead and make sure that wherever you are going to has Pink Axolotls, or whatever you are looking for. It is advised to not buy Axolotls from online, or any "black market" source. Make sure where you are buying from is a reputable place. As Axolotls are illegal in some places. They are legal in most states in the United States with the exception of: CaliforniaMaineNew JerseyVirginiaNew Mexico (They are legal to own in New Mexico, but it is illegal to import them in from other states.) Pink Axolotls themselves usually range anywhere from 20 dollars to 45 dollars. The younger the Axolotl, usually the cheaper. Juvenile Axolotls are usually in the 20 dollar range, and the adults are usually in the 30 dollar range but can be priced more or less depending on demand. There are also suppltes that need to be purchased in order to be prepared for your new Axoloti. They need a 15 to 20 gallon tank, which is usually priced around 50 to 90 dollars, depending on quality. They also need a water filter to keep the water clean which costs about 15 dollars. All around for supplies and the Pink Axolotl itself, you are looking around 120 to 170 dollars in cost, not including food for your pet each month. But, even with these expenses, it tends to be one of the cheaper pets on the market making it more accessible to most people. How to Take Care of a Pink Axolotl Pink Axolotls are one of the easier pets to take care of, as they require little attention and maintenance. First things first, they need an environment to live in. They are underwater animals that need a decent sized tank. Although the tank should be somewhere between 15 to 20 gallons, it doesn't need to be at least as deep as the length of the Axolotl it is housing. There are also things to be a water filter in the tank to get keep water clean. This will keep the tank from getting dirty, and the Axolotl getting sick. The tank should also be deep cleaned once every couple of months as well, to get rid of any bacteria. The water in the tank should stay at about 66 to 68 degrees in the warmer months and about 60 to 65 degrees in the colder months. The water should stay cool, and the tank should stay in a darker environment away from too much sunlight. The tank also needs something on the bottom. Because Axolotls eat just about anything they can swallow, gravel is not recommended for them. Sand is a much more appropriate and safe option for your axoloti. They need a covering for the bottom of their tank so it is easier for them to move around and be comfortable, and simulate their natural environment. Axolotls are carnivorous animals, meaning they eat meat. Some things that they prefer to eat are brine shrimp, earthworms, or little cut up pieces of meat such as, liver or beef. When they are young, they usually eat more to keep them growing and strong. They will usually eat about one cut up earthworm a day, or the equivalent of other food. When they get to be full grown, they will eat about the same every other day, or once every three days. If the Axolotl isn't hungry or is full, it will usually spit out the food it doesn't want. Just be sure to clean leftover food out of the tank to keep it from getting dirty. When the Axolotls are young they have been known to adapt cannibalistic tendencies. It is a good idea that if you are raising more than one, to keep them in separate tanks until they get older. Although the Axolotls limbs will grow back over a couple of months, these tendencies should not be encouraged. Do Axolotls Get Along with Other Fish? It is not advised for fish and axolotls to live together. They can manage, but it is unlikely that one won't end up dying. The Axolotls gills have big feathery sides that the fish love to nibble on, causing damage to the Axolotls gills. Potentially causing them to not be able to breathe. As for the fish, the Axolotls are carnivorous animals. They eat just about anything they can fit in their mouth and swallow whole. If the fish are smaller, it would be very easy for the axolotl to be able to swallow and eat it. While they could hypothetically live together, it is not a very smart decision. It would be most wise to either keep the fish and Axolotls in separate tanks, or only have one or the other. Related Questions: Are Axolotls Dangerous? While all salamanders have toxins in their skin for self-defense, you would have to ingest the toxin for it to be harmful, such as linking the tank water or eating the salamander. Be sure to wash your hands after interacting with them (like any other pet) and you should be fine. Do Axolotls Sleep? Axolotls do rest or sleep to get energy back. They don't have eyelids, so they don't close their eyes when resting. They usually just go to a hiding space, slow down their breathing, and don't move. Try not to disturb them when they are not active. Are Axolotls Endangered? While Axolotls are not technically considered endangered yet, but because their environment is being threatened, so is their species. They are on the threatened species list. However, the threatened list can easily move to the endangered list. The store will not work correctly in the case when cookies are disabled. Home Freshwater Walking Fish (Axolotl) Assorted Axolotl 15cm Scientific name - Ambystoma Mexicanum Water Quality · Temperature: 10°C - 20°C. · pH: 7.0 - 7.5 · General Hardness: 150 - 200 ppm. Buy 2 for \$39.35 each and save 10% Buy 4 for \$37.16 each and save 15% Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought Mexican Walking Fish. Axolotls Ambystoma mexicanum* 12cm Mexican walking fish are fascinating creatures looking, and often acting, like miniature pre historic monsters. These animals can grow up to 30cm in size make excellent pets, living up to 10 years. Mexican walking fish come in various colours, including dark brown, olive, black, albino and golden (pictured above) forms, (which have bright pink gills) and a piebald (spotted) form, which is seldom seen. Housing Axolotls are best housed in conditions similar to goldfish as their water requirements are very much the same. An aquarium 60cm x 30cm x 30cm will house a full-grown pair of axolotls. As axolotls extract oxygen from the water through their gills water quality is very important, therefore your tank should be adequately aerated and filtered. *Colour of Axolotls may vary. Individuals may attack others in the tank if sufficient shelter is not provided. Rocks, plants and cut plastic pipes are suitable. I t is most interesting, that in the event of a limb or portion of the animal being bitten off, it will regenerate. The damaged individuals are best isolated and given extra food and attention. The regeneration process seems to be more rapid at lower temperatures. Axolotls have a large wide mouth, well adapted for preying on fish, and therefore fish should not be kept in the same aquarium. Common Name - Axolotls Ambystoma mexicanum Marture Age Size - Up to 30cm Origin - Mexico Diet - Earth Worms Water Type - Hard Alkaline Temperature: 10°C – 20°C, pH: 7.0 – 7.5 General Hardness: 150 – 200 ppm. SKU If-axo-red Barcode # 680507672166 Brand aquarium Industres Shipping Weight 1.0000kg Shipping Width 0.100m Shipping Height 0.100m Shipping Length 0.100m Shipping Cubic 0.001000000m3 Unit Of Measure ea While gaining traction as a symbol of Mexico City, these curious amphibians offer hope for healing the human body, but face near extinction in the wild.(This year, we published many inspiring and amazing stories that made us fall in love with the world - and this is one our favourites. Click here for the full list.Frankie was missing half his face. A fungal infection had come over the little axoloti, a native amphibian of the waterways of Mexico City.But Frankie, along with other axolotls, have a special talent. Veterinarian and axolotl researcher Erika Servin Zamora, who was also Frankie's caregiver, said she was astounded to see the animal's remarkable regeneration abilities that she'd read about in her studies. Within two months, Frankie had grown a new, fully functional eye, and life was back to normal in his tank at the city's Chapultepec Zoo.Frankie might not have been so lucky in his native habitat, just about 30km south of the zoo. The axolotl, though gaining traction as a symbol of Mexico City, and specifically of the southern borough of Xochimilco, a Unesco World Heritage site, is nearly extinct in the wild due to increases in invasive fish species and water pollution in the city's troubled canals. Making things worse, Frankie is an albino axolotl, which means he's light pink with frilly, pink gills coming off his head - he'd be easy prey for Xochimilco's invasive tilapia in the dark, murky waters.You may also be interested in: • Where the human fish lurks • Mexico City's secret underground world • Mexico's mysterious uncharted cavesKnown locally as "water monsters", axolotls have a love-them-or-leave-them appearance. For some, these 20cm-long, soft-skinned, water dwellers are considered adorable, with the appearance of a perpetual smile. For others, these four-toed amphibians are just plain odd. Many axoloti species are critically endangered (Credit: ullstein bild/Getty Images)Despite their somewhat polarising looks, they are of particular interest to scientists hoping that axolotls like Frankie just might teach us humans the regeneration trick someday."Scientists are looking to benefit from the regenerative properties of axolotls by applying them to people who are injured in accidents, wars or suffering illness - people who lose limbs," Servin Zamora said. "Others are looking for ways that axolotl regeneration can benefit human organs, such as by healing the heart or the liver."Axolotls are also helping Servin Zamora and other scientists understand the apparent resistance to cancer that all amphibians seem to have. "In 15 years, I have not seen any cases of malignant tumours in axolotls, which is interesting," she said. "We suspect that their ability to regenerate cells and body parts helps them in that respect."Scientists are looking to benefit from the regenerative properties of axolotls (Credit: Robert Michael/Getty Images)And that's not all. Axolotls have been used traditionally throughout Mexico as a remedy for conditions associated with things like pregnancy, frailty and respiratory illness. A group of nuns in Patzcuaro, Mexico, legally breeds one axolotl species, ambystoma dumerilii, and uses the animals as an ingredient in cough syrup, though traditionally they were consumed as part of a broth. Perpetual teenagers - and representations of the divineFrankie is an ambystoma mexicanum, one of the 17 species of axolotl in Mexico. Found primarily in the states of Mexico, Puebla and Michoacán, many are critically endangered. Some species transform themselves into earth-walking salamanders by losing their tadpole-like tails and gills from their heads. However, this too depends on the environment. Frankie, for instance, living in captivity and therefore void of predators, will stay an eternal teenager. Never transforming into salamanders, axolotls like him will keep the tail they developed as a larva and live completely underwater."Basically, they decide whether they will complete the metamorphosis, based on environmental stressors," Servin Zamora said. "If they decide it would be better to live out of water, they will undergo the transformation into salamanders, but that can be a stressful undertaking in itself as they stop eating completely for that period. The current theory is that, for evolutionary reasons, the ambystoma mexicanum would remain in a juvenile state [somewhere between a tadpole and a salamander] because there was so much food in the water [such as charales, a small freshwater fish] and they had few predators, so there was little reason to emerge."Some axolotl species transform themselves into earth-walking salamanders (Credit: Patrick Cuenette/Alamy)Because of this tendency to change form, axolotls have a profound presence in Aztec (or Mexica) cosmogony. They were often recognised as a representation of Xolotl, god of the underworld and the malefic twin of the feathered serpent god Quetzacoatl, often represented as the sun.When various gods were asked to make a sacrifice in order to create the world, Xolotl fled into the water. For his cowardice and reluctance to help, he was damned to live forever in the water and to suffer from eternal youth. For the Aztecs, death was transcendence, and to not complete that cycle meant being banned from reaching a higher realm.A tourist attractionDespite the axolotl's endangered status, images of Frankie and his friends are plastered all over Mexico City, covering walls as street art and sold as plush toys in gift shops. An image of the ambystoma mexicanum axolotl will grace the 50-peso bill to be released in 2022. And Mexico City's updated tour buses feature an image of an albino axolotl emblazoned on its double-decker sides.The latest official Mexico City tour bus features the image of an albino axolotl (Credit: Megan Frye)Years ago, if you wanted to find an axolotl, all you had to do was look for a canal. Mexico City was built on the bed of what was once a massive lake, which the Aztecs used to create canals - as well as chinampas, floating islands made out of trees and mud that were used to grow food - for navigational and transportation purposes. Though the lake and much of the canal system have been drained over the years to make way for a growing population, more than 183km of canals remain in the Xochimilco borough, and 165 hectares of land and water are located in the protected area of the Xochimilco Ecological Park.But rather than axolotls, visitors today are likely to see numerous migratory bird species and revellers on boats in the canals. The area has become heavily touristed and is best known as a place to go for a ride in colourful wooden boats called trajineras, where smaller boats come over full of mariachis, or to sell beer and refreshments.Environmental threatsAs trajineras are motorless boats, they are not thought to negatively impact the axolotls. However, the chinampas are not connected to the city's sewage system, so waste often winds up in the canals. Other threats to the amphibians include the quick growth of non-native, ornamental aquatic plants, and pollution from industrial fertilisers, as well as invasive species such as carp and tilapia, which were introduced by the government in the 1970s to supply food to the formerly rural area. The latter idea was well-intentioned. Servin Zamora said, but not well thought out, as the carp and tilapia feast on young axolotls.In Xochimilco's canals, many ride colourful wooden boats called trajineras (Credit: Megan Frye)"The problems that Xochimilco faces are not just environmental, but social as well," Servin Zamora said. "Mexico do not have enough income from their chinampas or ecotourism, so they tend to build their homes here [on their chinampa land, which is an affordable option as they already own the property] and for that reason urbanization has grown so much in those areas. Unfortunately, all the drainage from those homes goes directly into the canals, and that has caused tremendous pollution."In 2017, the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) did a study monitoring the canals. While the results are still under review, it was shown that the water pollution is very serious in Xochimilco's rapidly growing urban zones. Servin Zamora said there is hope of recuperating spaces still devoted to agriculture and therefore less likely to be tainted by pollution caused by overpopulation. "If we work hard with education, research and working directly in the area, we can rescue it, even if it's just one part." Still, the study found just one axolotl living in the wild in Xochimilco.Saving the axolotl?Today, most axolotls live in captivity. Yanin Carbajal is the co-founder of Casa del Axolotl, a museum and aquarium dedicated to educating the public on axolotls, located in the town of Chignahuapan in Puebla. Her project started years ago with breeding tanks at her family's ranch in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Oriental mountains. The museum space located in town opened last year, featuring 15 to 20 axolotls of four different species.Carbajal said she was motivated to care for axolotls because of their strong link to Mexico's pre-Columbian history, their important implications for human health, and the goal to preserve the species and improve their habitats. However, she cautions potential pet owners that raising axolotls is no simple feat. While keeping them at home is legal, in Mexico it's only legal to obtain them from a nursery accredited by the secretary of environment.For some, axolotls are considered adorable, with the appearance of a perpetual smile (Credit: Minden Pictures/Alamy)"Ignorance is a big problem, with people taking them from the wild and keeping them as pets in some cases or selling them," Carbajal said. "If people are able to breed them, well that is a positive. But if not, then that is not helping the species. As they live in still water lakes and lagoons, the temperatures tend not to fluctuate as quickly as they can in captivity [making captivity a serious undertaking]."Mexico City has a few places where captive axolotls can be seen today, including Chapultepec Zoo, Zoológico Los Coyotes and the headquarters of four operators Axolotlitas and Umbral Axochiatl, both in Xochimilco.Pamela Valencia is the founder of Axolotitlán, a Mexico City-based operator that aims to educate locals and travellers on Xochimilco's delicate ecosystem and the need to support axolotls, through tours with a cooperative of local chinamperos (chinampa farmers) in the ecological park."The axolotl is a theme in Mexico that has to do with politics, society, the use of resources, environmental and systemized education," Valencia said on a warm afternoon at her axolotl refuge, where visitors can come to learn about the axolotls. "It's a topic that touches on all the rubrics of society in one way or another. We believe that the axolotl is a secret to save our city, our country and probably the world. It's an incredibly important animal that can inspire people to stop doing things [such as polluting] that we've been doing for a long time as a society, and to do better in many ways."Dionisio Eslava, president of Umbral Axochiatl, which works with Axolotitlán to organise tours in his native Xochimilco so that visitors can better understand the natural side of Xochimilco, said that closing the gap geographically, culturally and socioeconomically between central Mexico City folk and the farmers in the south is one way to help clean up the zone, and thus help the axolotls return to the area."Ecosystems are a type of security, not only for food but also water, oxygen and as an ally for facing climate change," he said. "The big cities should support our ecosystems by visiting us and accompanying us in this treasure that is a great inheritance of all of humanity."Not only can this small and often overlooked animal guide us in protecting the planet, but it potentially holds the key to unlocking certain scientific mysteries.Frankie lived to be eight years old - though captive axolotls can live 12 years or more - dying of natural causes at Chapultepec Zoo in 2010. Servin Zamora holds a special place for him in her heart because he was one of the first axolotls she ever worked with and she learned quite a lot from him - hopefully, the rest of the world will, too.Join more than three million BBC Travel fans by liking us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter and Instagram.If you liked this story, sign up for the weekly bbc.com features newsletter called "The Essential List". A handpicked selection of stories from BBC Future, Culture, Worklife and Travel, delivered to your inbox every Friday.

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