AXOLOTL AUTHORITY

Axolotl Ownership Budget Worksheet

PLAN | PRICE | PREPARE

Plan the complete habitat and ongoing care before bringing an axolotl home

Planning for: _____ **Location:** _____ **Updated:** _____

STARTUP COSTS

Planning ranges are rounded August 2026 snapshots, not promised prices

ITEM	PLANNING RANGE	YOUR ESTIMATE	ACTUAL COST
☐ **Aquarium**	$75 to $175	$	$
☐ **Proper stand**	$100 to $350	$	$
☐ **Secure lid**	$25 to $60	$	$
☐ **Filter and intake protection**	$35 to $175	$	$
☐ **Liquid test kit**	$35 to $55	$	$
☐ **Thermometer and conditioner**	$15 to $40	$	$
☐ **Hides and safe floor**	$20 to $100	$	$
☐ **Siphon, buckets, and tools**	$20 to $60	$	$
☐ **Cooling fan or room plan**	$0 to $60	$	$
☐ **Chiller, pump, and tubing**	$0 or $400 to $800+	$	$
☐ **Cycling supplies**	$10 to $30	$	$
☐ **Initial food and backup supplies**	$15 to $40	$	$
☐ **Axolotl**	$50 to $150+	$	$
☐ **Shipping or travel**	$0 to $100+	$	$

STARTUP TOTAL **Planned: $_____** **Actual: $_____**

MONTHLY AND LONG-TERM COSTS

ITEM	PLANNING NOTE	YOUR MONTHLY ESTIMATE
☐ **Food**	$10 to $30	$
☐ **Conditioner and test refills**	$5 to $15	$
☐ **Filter and maintenance supplies**	$0 to $15	$
☐ **Water and sewer**	Local rate	$
☐ **Electricity**	Use formula below	$
☐ **Veterinary savings**	Choose a monthly amount	$

ESTIMATE ELECTRICITY

Equipment watts ÷ 1,000 × hours used per day × 30 × your electricity rate = estimated monthly cost

Calculate filters, air pumps, fans, lights, and chillers separately, then add them together.

NOTES, SALE DATES, SECONDHAND INSPECTIONS, OR SAVINGS GOALS

Price the full habitat before purchasing the animal. Confirm dimensions, compatibility, and product directions.

A sale only saves money when the equipment is safe. Keep a separate fund for qualified veterinary care.