

Treating Active Fungus on an Axolotl with Black Tea or Indian Almond leaves (Cappa leaves) Bath

1. Why Use Black Tea or Cappa leaf Baths?

Black tea and Cappa Leaves contains tannins that help fight fungal infections and soothe the axolotl's skin. Black tea bags are the regular (not decaffeinated) bags that you buy at the grocery store. Cappa leaves are available at pet stores that sell axolotls.

2. Preparing the Tea Bath:

- **Step 1:** Boil water and steep 1-2 black tea bags or 1-2 Cappa leaves for about 10 minutes.
- **Step 2:** Let the tea cool down to room temperature.

3. Administering the Bath:

- **Step 1:** Place the axolotl in a separate container with the cooled tea solution. The solution should be a **light brown see through** solution. The water should be at least 1 inch deeper than the top of your axolotl and your axolotl should have at least enough room to turn around.
- **Step 2:** Add conditioned water if you need to dilute.
- **Step 3:** Adjust the bath water to match the axolotl's current tank temperature.
- **Step 4:** Let the axolotl soak for about 15 to 30 minutes. Watch for any signs of stress.

4. Frequency:

- Perform the tea bath once a day until the fungus shows signs of improvement. Use new tea bath water for each treatment.

5. Additional Tips:

- Ensure the main tank water quality is good to prevent re-infection. The main causes for fungus are low pH and/or high nitrites and ammonia.
- Always monitor the axolotl closely during the bath.

Tip: In order to save time, make a 1 gallon tea by using 3-4 teabags or 2-3 Cappa leaves and then add that to a bath of clear water to make the light brown tea bath. Keep this solution in the fridge and it will keep for up to 7 days.