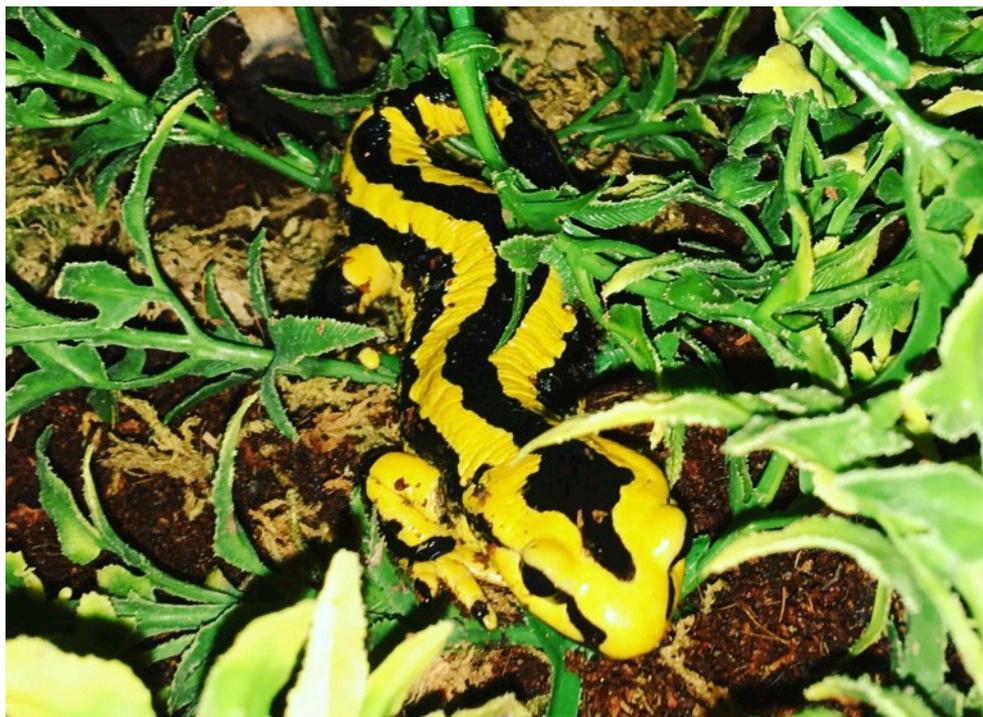


Sully



Species

Fire salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*)

Habitat

Native to southern and central Europe. Larvae are aquatic and found near water. Adults burrow on forest floors under logs and stones.

Care

Sully lives in a large terrarium, which is misted daily to retain humidity levels. He has log hides to sleep under and plant décor to trample through. He prefers cooler temperatures between 15-20 degrees Celsius.

Food

Insects. Sully particularly loves crickets, though he will also eat mealworms and small roach.

Characteristics

Sully is a gorgeous, vibrant yellow with black stripes.. Fire salamanders must only be handled while wearing plastic gloves. This is because our skin can be harmful to them, and they can produce a toxin in their skin, which could be irritating to us.

Why we love Sully

Sully is Clare's only amphibian – and what a beauty he is! His colours light up the room and he has a very sweet face and gentle nature.

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Sully's story



There is an old European legend saying that these fire salamanders are capable of tolerating fire – hence the name. The legend undoubtedly stemmed from the salamander's fiery colour. Because in reality, fire salamanders are partial to water not heat – and are unable to tolerate high temperatures.

Sully was rehomed with Clare in June 2018. He is very sweet and perhaps a little bit lazy as he prefers to take his food from tongs rather than chase it himself in his terrarium. To make sure he eats enough and at the same time encouraging his natural hunting instinct, Clare feeds him half of his dinner by hand and leaves the rest for him to find himself. Sometimes he doesn't bother, preferring to chill out under his log – much as he would in the wild.

Sully is great for animal classification topics at schools and he is a wonderful example of an amphibian – a creature that can live in and out of water.

He's very friendly and happy to be handled, but the handler must wear plastic gloves. This is because our skin can be harmful to them, and they can produce a toxin in their skin, which could be irritating to us. For this reason, Sully is only taken out to school education experiences for KS2 age children.



