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Fish Aquariums 101: What You Need To Know

By David Sanders

A fish aquarium is designed to offer domesticated marine life with a contained environment that mimics that of their natural habitat. Having first become popular in the 1950s, fish keeping is now widely enjoyed by many as a fun hobby and as a beautiful addition to the home. When maintained properly, fish aquariums can add a decorative touch to any room.

The most effective fish aquariums are those that feature the tank itself, along with lighting, a filter and heating unit. Commonly available in various sizes to accommodate space and different types of marine life, fish aquariums vary in price according to both the size and features of the unit. Everything from the small square aquarium to a large fish tank is up for grabs if you know where to find them. Typical fish aquariums can be found in most retail stores, but larger fish tanks often require a visit to the local pet store or some bargain shopping on the internet.

Fish aquariums are very important to housing domesticated marine life in the home. Small fish bowls, which are widely available, are inexpensive but do little to recreate the natural habitat that a fish would normally have. In order to live a long and happy life, fish need circulating water and movement as they have in the wild. When in captivity, which is the case when you have a fish as a pet, they need to have filtered and regularly cleaned water. While lighting is perhaps not as important, it does provide a sense of night and day and natural light for your pet.

When using fish aquariums to house your marine life, it is important that you regularly test the water using a test kit. In addition to changing the water regularly, it is best to confirm that the water you are using is safe. Regular tap water, for instance, may feature contamination that could prove harmful to fish. The reason is because of the chemicals and purifiers that are often used to treat the water. Instead, using distilled water may be the better option to ensure that it is free of chemicals or any other harmful agents. When changing the water in fish aquariums, you should remove up to 20% of the current water and replace it with the new.

When shopping for fish aquariums, it's a good idea to check over the unit before you purchase it for cracks or other defects. If you are shopping online, be sure to ask about shipping insurance in case your aquarium is damaged while in route to your home.

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where more information about

home aquariums, fresh and salt water is available.

Providing The Best Care For Your Goldfish

By Mike Yeager

Goldfish care is critical for the health of your goldfish. Unfortunately, goldfish are very vulnerable to disease, with young goldfish even more so. Many new goldfish owners have watched their goldfish die in their fish tanks or aquariums only days or even hours after purchasing a goldfish. Fortunately, there are a few simple steps you can take to preserve the health of your goldfish. First, do all that is possible to make sure that your fish is healthy. If there are any sores on its body, pass on it. Before you put your fish in the fish bowl, let the water return to room temperature. After your fish is in the fishbowl, feed it right away. However, be sure to not feed it too much. Usually, just a pinch of fish food will be sufficient for your goldfish. Fish bowls will usually need to be cleaned about once every week or so.

Some useful tips on Goldfish Care.

Usually, only two goldfish should be in the same fishbowl, aquarium or fish tank. Any more, and it will jeopardize the health of your goldfish. If your goldfish appears unhealthy, consider buying a healthier fish food. If your fish does not appear to be getting healthier, consult your veterinarian. Goldfish will be much healthier if you provide a fish bowl or plastic plants that your fish will be able to swim around or in. Goldfish, under proper care, will usually live about 5 or 6 years. If you take good goldfish care, you will be able to enjoy and appreciate your gold fish for many years.

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