

Betta Fish – Care Sheet

The Betta Fish

The *Betta splendens* (Siamese Fighting Fish) are one of the most recognized pets in the aquarium trade due to their vibrant colors, freindliness, and low maintenance requirements. Bettas are indigenous to the Mekong River Basin of Southeast Asia. Bettas typically grow 2-2.5” in length, with an ideal water temperature of 78-80F.

Unique Breathing

Siamese fighting fish has a unique labyrinth organ in their heads that allows them to take oxygen directly from the surface of the water as well as through their gills.

Diet

Betta fish are primarily canivorous surface feeders. Feeding a diet of pellets, flake food, frozen drops, and occassionally a small treat of live worms will keep vibrant colors and healthy long fins.

You should feed your betta a small amount of food twice a day. Make sure there is no excess food left as it may cause fouling and require more frequent water changes.

Water Changes

Bettas are one of the hardiest fish in the aquarium trade. They also have a high tolerance to less than pristine water quality, but maintaining good water quality will ensure a healthy betta with an active demeanor. Water changes are essential to keep dissolved organic compounds from the fish and uneaten food at bay. We recommend doing 25% water changes every other day. Make sure the water is dechlorinated and the same water temperature of the existing water.

WARNING: Male bettas cannot live with other bettas.

Getting Started

Step 1

Carefully unpack the betta bowl, cradle, transformer, and color stones.

Place the cradle on a secure leveled surface and plug in male cable from the transformer into the bottom/rear of the cradle. ***Do not place in a draft or in direct sunlight!***

Step 2

Rinse bowl and color stones under running water. Do not use any detergents

Step 3

Add color stones into bowl

Step 4

Fill half the glass bowl with bottled water or dechlorinated tap water at approximately 78-80F

Step 5

Float the betta while still inside the bag 15- 20 minutes to acclimate temperature difference.

Step 6

Net the betta out of the bag and place inside bowl.

Add extra water and fill about 2 inches below the top of the bowl.

Step 7

Press button on the front of the cradle to active the color changing LED light for night time viewing.