



FACT SHEET - TROPICAL FISH

There are many very colourful and different types of tropical fish. Setting up an aquarium can be expensive but once complete little upkeep is needed. Care must be taken when introducing new fish as some will fight certain species. Various types of fish live at different depths in the water, such as the ground feeders.

Tropical Fish Need

- A large aquarium with a heater and thermostat to keep the water at a constant temperature
- A filter to take away waste products from the water
- An aeration pump
- Water plants to provide oxygen as well as cover and a surface on which to lay eggs
- Gravel on the bottom of the aquarium in which to anchor the plants
- Food especially for tropical fish and also some live food such as water fleas and blood worms



Tropical Fish Health

- White spot is caused by a tiny parasite which produces white spots on the body. Treatment can be purchase from pet shops but the whole aquarium must be treated
- Fungus disease looks like tiny cotton wool type strands on the body.
- It can cause death but can be treated by adding an anti-fungus medication to the water.

Tropical Fish Facts

- Most fish lay eggs that are fertilized outside the body in the water
- and hatch between a few days to months depending on the species
- Some fish are live bearing and give birth to tiny live fish

This is intended as a quick guide only. Further information should be obtained before embarking on keeping this type of pet.