

# Pet Care Guide Siamese Fighting Fish



## HEALTH + MAINTENANCE

These are tropical, fresh water fish which thrive best in warmer temperatures (ranging from 24-30C). A heater may be required if the temperature drops below 18C.

Although these fish will survive in poor quality water, regular water changes are still required. Change 1/3 of the water each week for a small bowl, 1/4 each month for an aquarium and the entire amount once weekly for a small container.

The lifespan can be expected to average 2 years. The more fancier ones, generally the shorter average lifespan. Females are more prone to disease and tend to be very short lived in captivity.

## BREEDING

Easily bred in a home aquarium. The males are bubble nest builders. They blow a large series of accumulated bubbles onto the surface of the water, into which they deposit the eggs released by the female. Once the female releases the eggs into the water, the male will collect them in his mouth, deposit them into the nest and fertilize them. The male will then stand guard until the fry are free swimming.

## FEEDING

A carnivorous fish. Can be fed commercial fish food, special 'Betta Pellets' or frozen tubifex worms. Fresh bloodworms and mosquito wigglers also make a suitable treat.

As water temperature drops, metabolism slows and feeding is required less often. During the warmer months, feed a small amount daily.

Bettas are very aggressive fish especially towards other bettas. Don't try to keep more than one betta in the same tank. They can live in a quiet community set up provided there is no strong current and the tank is large enough (20L tank minimum), you must ensure there are no fin-nippers in your community tank.

THE SIAMESE FIGHTING FISH ARE WONDERFULLY NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR BEAUTIFUL COLORS AND SPECTACULAR FINS. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY ARE A VERY POPULAR AQUARIUM FISH AND ARE SUITABLE FOR COMMUNITY TANKS.

IDEAL OWNER WOULD BE ANYONE. AN ESPECIALLY GOOD ANIMAL FOR A FIRST TIME PET OWNER OR SOMEONE WITH LITTLE TIME OR SPACE FOR A REGULAR PET. VERY LOW MAINTENANCE.

