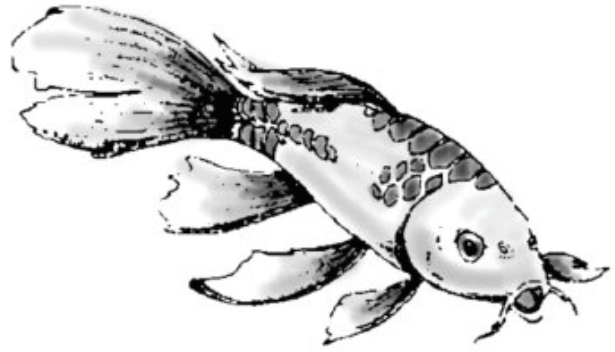


# YOUR NEW FISH



Successful purchase of fish means picking good fish in the first place, from a careful and conscientious vendor, and whisking them home quickly to a comfortable quarantine facility. Smooth introduction of your new fish into a good quarantine to stay for a little while is the best way to ensure successful fish keeping. **Let's do this step by step.**

1. Good vendors usually present the fish in clear plastic bags with a very mild sedative and pure oxygen (that's not "air" in the bag)
2. Take the fish home, and if possible – on the ride, keep your new fishes' bag in a darkened box or paper sack (it calms them) Avoid letting your new fish get too warm or too cold. Try and minimize sloshing.
3. Float the fish (in its bag), in your prepared quarantine tank. See that the water in your quarantine tank is about the same (within ten degrees Fahrenheit) of the water that your fish was purchased out of.
4. Assuming the fish are acting calm and remain comfortably upright, after 20-30 minutes, simply open the bag and remove the fish from the bag using wet hands or a net, placing them in the holding tank. Do NOT pour that bag water (which contains concentrated toxins, gases and bacteria) into the holding tank, you should, instead, dump it away.
5. Watch the fish for any signs of trouble. If they swim about normally, cover the tank and begin the following quarantine advice. If they seem severely stressed, test your water for Ammonia, which should be zero, and pH, which should be higher than seven.

## **Recommended Quarantine Procedure:**

- 1) Facilities to be established and operational, with beneficial nitrifying bacteria to reduce Ammonia through its phases.
- 2) Temperature to be gradually brought to, and held in the mid seventies.
- 3) Salt to 0.3% (Three pounds salt per one hundred gallons added over 36 hours) Keep salt in for seven days and remove with water change.
- 4) Application of Praziquantel-containing compound, Parasite Control®
- 5) Application of Dimilin / CSI compound for Anchor Worms
- 6) Medicated food could also be fed to reduce risk of infections.
- 7) Quarantine facilities to be heavily aerated, and covered with netting.
- 8) Quarantine facilities to be 100+ gallons per ten inches of fish.
- 9) Quarantine should be 14 days at a minimum. Feed once per day in quarantine.

**Our establishment uses a microscope to ensure the health of the fish we sell and we may agree to assess the conditions of fish brought to us at our discretion only. We will never offer a diagnosis nor make a prescription.**