



pets in the classroom



CARE SHEET

BETTA FISH

Housing

Betta fish can be housed solo in smaller desktop aquariums or placed in larger community aquariums. A male Betta must be housed individually or be the only Betta in a community aquarium whereas a female Betta can be kept in a community tank with other female Bettas. Do not keep male and female Bettas together though to prevent fighting and attacks.

Environment

The aquarium should be kept in a low-traffic area, away from direct sunlight and drafts and fit with a lid to reduce water evaporation. One thing specific to Betta fish is that they breathe from the water's surface with their labyrinth organ in addition to their gills and therefore require continuous access to the surface. Their water should be kept at stable temperatures and pH levels in balance to ensure healthy water with little or no current.

Care

Water temperature and filter should be checked daily along with any equipment being used to ensure things are functioning properly. Each week, one should conduct a quality test on water. If housed in a bowl, a complete water change should happen once a week. If housed in a larger aquarium, 10-25% of the total volume of water should be changed every 2-4 weeks. When feeding Betta, feed a well-balanced diet of flaked tablet or frozen food sparingly 3 times a week and be cautious not to overfeed.