



Betta Fish



Aquarium/Container:

Medium “Kritter Keeper” or larger (1+ gallons). Bigger is always better. Heated, filtered aquariums can also be used.

Temperature:

No heater is needed as long as your betta is kept away from drafts and cool breezes (windows and doors) as long as the water temperature remains above 70F. Bettas are a tropical fish so more heat is always appreciated.

Decorations:

Hideouts or artificial plants, gravel or marbles, live plants can also be used

Water:

Water treated with *API Stress Coat* or other dechlorinator if on municipal water. Chlorine kills fish, so water needs to be treated with a water conditioner. pH should be around 7. Water should be room temperature, or a balance of warm and cold water to be close to room temperature.

Cleaning:

Weekly cleaning will be needed for unfiltered tanks. Fill a separate container with treated water, add water conditioner, remove half of the *dirty* water, and add the new treated water.

Food:

Bettas are carnivores, and should be fed *Betta Pellets*, bloodworms, or brine shrimp. Feed 2-3 pellets 1-2 times daily. If food remains, you are overfeeding and it promotes waste buildup.

Coexistence:

NEVER put two males in one tank – they will fight! Multiple females (3-4) can share a tank, and males and females should only coexist during mating (advanced caregivers only!).