

Goldfish



Know what your goldfish needs.



FOOD AND WATER

- Find out about what food, how often and how much your fish will eat. Avoid overfeeding by giving food 'little and often'.
- Know about how to include plants to promote the growth of aquatic animals for extra food, provide shade and more oxygen in the water for the fish to breathe.



A GOOD HOME

- Make sure you know what space, depth and surface area of water is needed for the number and size of your fish and find out how to acclimatise your fish to its new home.



COMPANY

- Make sure you know how many fish your aquarium or pond can hold, so it is not overcrowded and they can breathe. Find out which types of fish can live together.



TO BEHAVE NORMALLY

- Find out about providing a home with plants and gravel that allows your goldfish to seek shelter and naturally forage for food.



TO BE HEALTHY

- New fish should be housed separately to your other fish for a short period of time so they don't spread disease.
- Get to know your goldfish to help spot signs of something being wrong with the aquarium or the fish being sick or injured – if in doubt, ask your vet and experienced fish keepers for advice.

This is very basic information. Find out more about what your goldfish needs. Talk to us on the RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555 or visit: www.rspca.org.uk/petcare

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GOLDFISH CARE

Your goldfish deserves the best care possible so make sure you are also prepared to:



- check that the person who looks after your fish when you go on holiday also knows how to monitor and maintain the water quality and is aware of the need to avoid over-feeding
- take action quickly if your fish are gaping at the surface – this may indicate low oxygen in the water
- ensure that an outdoor pond is deep enough for goldfish to survive any extreme changes in temperature around their home – such as when the pond ices over.



Be prepared before you bring a new fish home. Find out about the range of water temperatures your fish can live in – sudden changes in the water temperature can be fatal!

Did you know...

the law that protects pets has changed? You have a legal responsibility to care for your goldfish.

Find out more at: www.rspca.org.uk/petcare or talk to us on the **RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555**

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