

Betta Splendens

Sometimes referred to as 'Fancy Bettas' or 'Siamese Fighting Fish'

Fish & feather has begun an initiative to move away from the name 'Fighting Fish' as we feel it's a misrepresentation of these beautiful and more often peaceful fish.

Checklist

- Glass Aquarium (minimum 10 litres)
- Gravel Substrate
- Filter
- Heater & Thermometer
- Dechlorinator
- GH & KH Conditioners
- Betta Food
- pH, GH & KH test kits
- Live aquatic plants / floating plants
- Magnetic glass cleaner
- Gravel siphon
- Net

Step 1

Rinse the aquarium, gravel & accessories thoroughly in tap water.
Place the aquarium away from windows or direct sunlight to minimize excessive algae growth.

Step 2

Add gravel and fill your aquarium with cold tap water.
Add the Dechlorinator, GH & KH as per directions.
Add and turn on the filter system.
Add the heater, thermometer, plants & accessories & let sit for 12-24 hours.
Test water to ensure you have the correct water parameters.
(temperature; 26°C, pH; 6.5-6.8, GH; 5-7°, KH; 5°-6°)

Step 3

Introduce your betta to its new home by floating its transport bag in the aquarium for 10 minutes.
Open the bag and add as much new aquarium water as is already in the bag.
Float for another 10 minutes, then using a net, gently place your betta into its new home.
(Try not to add water from the transport bag to your aquarium)

Maintenance

Once a week remove 10% of aquarium water using a gravel siphon.
Add dechlorinator & GH & KH conditioners to the new water before adding it to the aquarium.
The addition of Betta Tannins or Black Water Extract, Indian Almond Leaves & Vitamin C will help protect your betta from bacterial infections and other health issues.
Clean the aquarium glass with a magnetic glass cleaner or aquarium cleaning sponge.
Replace filter sponges or rinse in pre-removed aquarium water as required
(do not rinse in tap water as this will destroy any beneficial bacteria in the filtration media)
Remove & clean power filter impellers & impeller cavity every 6 weeks or as required.
(see our Filter Maintenance Care Sheet for power filter cleaning advice).

Feeding

A varied diet will maximize the health of your Betta.
Betta Granules are a good staple diet & should ideally be supplemented with live Black Worms & Brine Shrimp. Frozen Bloodworms, Brine shrimp & Daphnia are also good foods for bettas.

Tips

- Bettas rarely attack other fish but can be defensive if housed with incorrect tank mates.
- In larger aquariums 2 female bettas can be kept with a male
- Both male & female bettas can be kept with other peaceful fish species.
- Be careful when choosing female bettas as young male short finned bettas can sometimes mistakenly be sold as females.
- Regularly test your water for pH, GH, KH, NH₃/4, NO₂ & NO₃
(see our Water Basics & Biological Basics care sheets for more info on water)

*Feel free to contact the friendly staff
at Fish & Feather for further information*

FISH & FEATHER PTY LTD

243 - 245 Colchester Road
Kilsyth, Victoria 3137

Phone: 03 9761 4410
E-mail:
info@fishandfeather.com.au
Web: www.fishandfeather.com.au