

Freshwater Snail Care Sheet



Average Adult Size: Depends on species

Average Life Span: Depends on species

Diet: Omnivore

Minimum Aquarium Size: 5+ gallons, depending on species

Water Temperature: 72-82°F

Experience Level: Beginner

The unique characteristics and wide variety of freshwater snails provide an appealing addition to your aquarium. Freshwater snails feed on algae and are great for keeping your tank clean.

Diet

A well-balanced freshwater snails diet consists of:

- Typically feeds off algae and excess food in the aquarium
- Can be supplemented with algae discs

Feeding

Things to remember when feeding your freshwater snail:

- Feed daily or twice weekly, depending on species

Housing

- Keep in an appropriate size aquarium; a tight fitting lid is necessary, snails can climb out of the tank. Snails need calcium to grow their shells and don't like soft water.

- Stable water quality, water temperature, and pH levels are critical to the health of the invertebrate. If you are unsure of your water quality come see us for your free water testing.

Characteristics

Snails leave a slime trail as they move. Use of copper-based medications can be toxic to invertebrates.

Habitat Maintenance

Daily: Check filter, water temperature and other equipment

Weekly: Check water quality at least once a week

Monthly: Change 10-25% of the total volume of water every 2-4 weeks, or as needed. Introduce new inhabitants to the aquarium gradually.

Compatibility

Compatible with most freshwater fish. Do not keep with aggressive fish that may try to eat snails.

Signs of a Healthy Snail

- Active movement
- Healthy appetite
- Even colouring
- Clean in appearance

Avoid overcrowded conditions; they are a major cause of stress and disease. Maintain good water quality with regular water changes and adequate filtration.

Needed supplies are:

- Appropriate size aquarium
- Appropriate food, dry and frozen
- Décor
- Water conditioner
- Filter
- Water test kit
- Full spectrum lighting - T5 recommended
- Net
- Thermometer
- Freshwater substrate
- Heater
- Hydrometer
- Airstone
- Air pump