

Rainbow Fish Care Sheet



Average Adult Size: 1 to 6+ inches long, depending on species

Average Life Span: Depends on species

Diet: Omnivore

Minimum Aquarium Size: 20+ gallons, depending on species

Water Temperature: 72-82°F

Experience Level: Intermediate

Characteristics

Males and mature fish are generally more intensely coloured. Juveniles of both sexes are often very different in colouring from adults and can appear like separate species. Rainbows are very active and require plenty of space.

Diet

A well-balanced rainbow fish diet consists of:

- Food may be flaked, pellet, frozen or live
- Avoid exclusive food which is not nutritionally complete

Feeding

Things to remember when feeding your rainbow fish:

- Depending on species and size, feed small amounts 2-3 times daily, no more than fish can eat in 3-5 minutes
- Thaw frozen food before feeding

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.

Housing

- Keep in an appropriate size aquarium; provide plants, rocks, caves and decor for hiding places and plenty of room for movement.
- Stable water quality, water temperature, and pH levels are critical to the health of your fish.

If you are unsure of your water quality come see us for your free water testing.

Compatibility

Check our compatibility care sheet for species specific information.

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

Signs of a Healthy Fish

- Clear eyes
- Eats vigorously
- Hides most of the time
- Fins completely intact and undamaged

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

Here are a few that we carry...

Frucata Rainbow



Boesemani Rainbow



Praecox Rainbow

