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FISH KEEPING HINTS AND TIPS

The following guidelines should ensure worry free fish keeping in either your pond or aquarium. If you have any other queries, please ask your local The McPet Shop store.

1. Always stock your aquarium or pond slowly, Adding many fish in one go will overload the tank or pond and cause pollution levels to rise.
2. Always test your water at regular intervals. It should be tested for temperature, pH, nitrite, ammonia and nitrate. These test kits can be purchased from The McPet Shop.
3. Stress is one of the main causes of fish losses and disease outbreaks. Stick to the following rules and your fish should enjoy a stress free environment:
 - Never overstock your aquarium
 - Never let your water quality become unacceptable
 - Never bang on the glass of your aquarium or throw large stones into your pond.
 - Make sure the fish are disturbed as little as possible
 - Before you buy your fish make sure they are compatible.
4. Watch your fish as often as possible. You will be able to spot early signs of disease, aggressive behaviour or stress and take preventative steps.
5. Make sure you feed your fish a varied diet. This should include dried flake or pellet food and some live food once a week. As a guide one small goldfish should eat one flake of food twice a day. Any dried food which is left in the tank after ten minutes should be taken out.
6. Filter cleaning and water changes must be done at regular intervals. It depends on the size of aquarium, size and type of filter and size, type and number of fish you have as to how often maintenance should be carried out. You should ask The McPet Shop store for advice.