

FISH CARE SHEET No: 27

Twintailed Goldfish



Genera: *Carassius auratus*

Family: Cyprinidae.

Geographic Origin: Asia, originally Central China.
Selectively bred to produce many varieties.

Common Names: Bubble-eye, Celestial, Fantail, Moor, Panda, Jikin, Veiltail, Ranchu, Ryukin etc.

Compatibility: Can grow to 280mm but very rarely so, as they are mostly kept in aquariums.
Compatible with any similar sized fish, although often the ones at a disadvantage.

Minimum Aquarium Size: A 600mm x 380mm x 380mm (24" x 15" x 15") aquarium should be considered as the minimum. For fish over 60mm, then tank of at least 1500mm x 450mm x 450mm (60" x 18" x 18") will be necessary.

Temperature: Between 0°-28°C (32°-80°F). In general, our ambient temperatures are considered to be satisfactory.

Habitat: As a rule of thumb Twintail Goldfish are not suitable for stocking garden ponds; losses will occur over the winter. They are best kept in aquariums.

Water: Not fussy, as long as water is low in nitrate and devoid of chlorine. Avoid changing more than a third of their water at any one time unless absolutely necessary.

Health: Not particularly prone to health problems. Physical damage due to knocking into rockwork may cause fungus problems. Always treat in a separate container away from other fish.

Diet: Omnivorous. Will basically consume anything. Many commercial foods available.
Twintail Goldfish are prone to swim-bladder problems if fed solely on dry food. Vary the diet and feed a type of live food at least twice a week. A day without food once a fortnight can also be of benefit, as most people overfeed fish.

Plants: Will enjoy a well-planted tank.

Breeding Notes: Breeding demands strict discipline on the part of the fishkeeper if a true colour strain or particular variety is to be maintained. Concentrate on breeding one variety rather to attempt several. Seek information from Specialist Societies or from the national body.

Availability: Commercially-bred fish widely available. Line-bred specimens only available from Specialist breeders and are expensive. When selecting fish for exhibiting, always check that caudal and anal fins are divided as required by the Show Standard.

Show Class: F.B.A.S. Show Class V.