

The discus fish aquarium can be very rewarding and provides fun and satisfaction when the areas of discus fish care are properly planned. Discus fish will recognize and interact with you. This sets them apart from the tropical fish that just swim, eat and hide. Discus can be observed watching movement on television and they will watch you cross the room. Discus fish are very aware of what goes on around them. Discus fish will quickly endear themselves to you. They will recognize you and eagerly rush to greet you and discus fish will eat out your hand. **This personable behavior of discus fish is a main reason hobbyists become so infatuated with them.** As you get to know these marvelous creatures and their ways, a full blown love affair will develop.

Discus fish are considered king of all aquarium tropical fish and rightly so. While discus fish youngsters may eat like pigs at feeding time, this behavior changes as they mature. Mature adult discus fish move deliberately and gracefully unless frightened. Adult discus fish take their time eating, as if to savor the moment. They are looking good and seem to know it. It may take 4-6 weeks till they start eating after moving in a new tank!

Discus fish exhibit unique parental behavior as they raise their fry (babies) much differently than most tropical fish. Both parents take an active role in raising their young. This page will give you some guidelines in setting up the discus fish aquarium. Within each area there is a wide range of options. Is the aquarium to be a family show tank? Is the discus aquarium to be used for breeding? It is wise to first determine exactly what you want to achieve with your discus aquarium.

The discus breeder **Stendker** belongs to the biggest producers of discus fish worldwide and is the market leader in Europe. **All** of our discus fish are cultured by our own company. The last crossbreeds have been the Pigeon Blood, Snake Skin and Blue Diamond in 1990, that led to several new shading colours. Our high quality standards **guarantee easy handling** discus fish, you can recombine any time you like, with other Stendker Discus. Have a look at our homepage www.Diskuszucht-Stendker.de for getting an impression of the wide range. You can select from 6,5 cm to Jumbo size and **16 different colour varieties!**

The immune system of our fish is so healthy and strong that illnesses hardly plays a part, as long the fish are kept separately, **no drop of water** from another tank gets in contact, the temperature is about 30° C and the animals are fed with a **nourishing** food they like (our food is based on **beef heart** with healthy additives). Discus fish like clean water that is free of contaminants. The term nitrification is used to describe the biological activity of bacteria consuming waste products. Ammonia is given off by the fish and food in the aquarium. Ammonia is harmful to tropical fish. Discus fish are very sensitive to ammonia. In the aquarium filter specialized bacteria consume ammonia as a food source. These bacteria are called nitrosomonas bacteria. They oxidize ammonia and the by product is nitrite, a toxic substance which can harm your discus fish. However a second type of specialized bacteria consume nitrite. They are called nitrobacter bacteria. **The end product is nitrate, not nearly as toxic as nitrite, but does cause developmental problems in fish.** Nitrates are removed by water changes. Plants consume nitrates. The efficiency of an aquarium filter is determined by the type filter media provided to colonize these nitrifying bacterial and the flow rate. Any filter used on a discus fish aquarium should provide a suitable media for these bacteria to colonize. It is sold as biological filter media.

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