

GloFish® care sheet



GloFish are brilliantly colored and beautiful fish. A natural fluorescence gene was added to the fish which resulted in fish that are fluorescent at all times. All GloFish are captive-bred and the fluorescent color comes with natural breeding. Because GloFish are a type of danio, barb or tetra, their care requirements are the same.

facts

includes:	danios, barbs, tetras
average adult size:	up to 2 inches long
average life span:	up to 3 years with proper care
diet:	omnivore
minimum aquarium size:	5+ gallons,
water temperature:	72 to 82°F



Note: The information on this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, refer to the Sources section or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.

Developed with and approved by a qualified veterinarian.

diet

A well-balanced GloFish diet consists of:

- Flakes, pellets, frozen or freeze-dried food.
- Vary diet to ensure proper nutritional balance and include foods that are high in carotenoids and beta carotene to help keep their vibrant colors.

feeding

Things to remember when feeding your GloFish:

- Best to feed small amounts twice a day, no more than fish will eat in 1 to 2 minutes.
- Thaw frozen food before feeding.

housing

- Keep in an appropriately sized aquarium; provide plenty of substrate, rocks and hiding places.
- Stable water quality and parameters are critical to the health of aquatic life. If you are unsure of your water quality, Petco provides free water testing.

characteristics

- Absorb light and then re-emit it, which gives the impression that they are “glowing.”
- Brilliant color that is enhanced by a black light.
- Available in several bright colors.
- They are schooling fish so recommend keeping in schools of five or more.

habitat maintenance

Daily: Check filter, water temperature and other equipment.

Weekly: Check water quality at least once a week.

Monthly: Change 10 to 25% of the total volume of water every 2 to 4 weeks or as needed.

Introduce new inhabitants to the aquarium gradually.

compatibility

- Constant movement may irritate more sedate tank mates; keep with other similarly active species.

signs of a healthy fish

- Clear eyes
 - Healthy appetite
 - Bright, even coloring
- Avoid overcrowded conditions, which are a major cause of stress and disease. Maintain good water quality with regular water changes and adequate filtration.

red flags

- Loss of color or appetite
- Spots or fungus on body or mouth
- Labored respiration
- Cloudy eyes
- Weight loss
- Bloating
- Frayed fins

If you notice any of these signs, test water quality and improve as necessary.

common health issues

Health Issue	Symptoms or Causes	Suggested Action
Fin rot	Frayed or disintegrating fins; the base of the fins usually reddens.	Improve water quality; consult your aquatic veterinarian for treatment.
Fungus	White cottony growth and/or discoloration of the eyes.	Quarantine fish; use a commercial antifungal remedy as directed.
Bacterial infections	Cloudy eyes, open sores, and/or reddening of the skin.	Improve water quality; use a commercial antibacterial remedy as directed.
Ich	White spots appear on fins and body; fish rubs against hard objects or swims awkwardly. Rapid respiration.	Quarantine fish immediately; use a commercial ich remedy as directed.

shopping list for needed supplies

- Appropriately sized aquarium
- Appropriate food, dry and frozen
- Décor
- Water conditioner
- Filter
- Water test kit
- Full spectrum lighting
- Net
- Thermometer
- Freshwater substrate
- Heater
- Airline tubing
- Airstone
- Air pump

sources

Ask a store partner about Petco's selection of books on GloFish and the variety of private brand products available for the care and happiness of your new pet. All private brand products carry a 100% money-back guarantee.

Because all aquatic life are potential carriers of infectious diseases, such as *Atypical Mycobacterium* and *Salmonella*, always wash your hands before and after handling your aquatic life or habitat contents to help prevent the potential spread of disease.

Pregnant women, children under the age of 5, senior citizens and people with weakened immune systems should contact their physician before purchasing or caring for aquatic life and should consider not having aquatic life as a pet.

Go to cdc.gov/healthypets and petco.com/caresheet for more information about aquatic life and disease.

This care sheet can cover the needs of other species. Go to petco.com for more information.

