Seahorses are a tropical species and can be found in the waters of Indo-Pacific and Caribbean oceans; however, Petco seahorses are captive-bred and -raised. A seahorse’s color variation ranges from black, brown, reddish-maroon, yellow and gold. Using their tail, seahorses can grasp hold of branches and other décor. Pipefish are cousins of seahorses, and can be much stronger swimmers. They are for seahorse aquariums only and are for expert hobbyists.

**facts**

- **average adult size:** 4 to 11 inches (vertical), depending on species
- **average life span:** depends on species
- **diet:** carnivore
- **minimum aquarium size:** 29+ gallons, depending on species
- **water temperature:** 72 to 78°F
- **specific gravity:** 1.020 to 1.025

*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.*
If you notice any of these signs, test water quality and improve as necessary.
shopping list for needed supplies

- Appropriately sized aquarium
- Appropriate food, dry and frozen
- Décor
- Marine aquarium salt
- Water conditioner
- Aquarium salt
- Filter
- Water test kit
- Full spectrum lighting
- Net
- Thermometer
- Protein skimmer (recommended)
- Marine substrate
- Heater
- Hydrometer
- Book about seahorses and pipefish

sources

Ask a store partner about Petco’s selection of books on seahorses and pipefish 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.