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## **PUFFER FISH**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** These fish are best in tanks that have only large, robust fish as its tankmates. They are known to bite. They are mid to low-level dwellers.

**TEMPERATURE:** These fish prefer temperatures at 75-82 degrees. Use aquarium heaters to maintain tank temperatures to proper water climate, which contributes to the health of the fish, reduces stress levels, and makes them less susceptible to oxygen shortages. Make sure the fish's water temperature requirements are compatible with those of its tank mates.

**SUBSTRATE:** Gravel, rock or wood are used to cover the floor of the aquarium tank. In addition to enhancing the appearance of the tank, substrates can act as a bed for biological filtration systems, anchor for aquatic plants, and provide a "burrowing" place for some fish species. Do not use coral sand, coral shells, or oolite in freshwater tanks. Clean substrate material and other tank decorations thoroughly in tap water (no soap) until water "runs clear" before adding it to the tank.

**LIGHT:** Fish don't do well when exposed to natural light in temperate regions where the length of a day varies. It is best to duplicate a fish's tropical environment by providing 12 hours of controlled lighting daily. A good rule of thumb is to provide 2 watts of lamp power for every gallon of tank water.

**DECORATIONS:** Tanks that have plenty of shelter for these fish among the roots and stones with robust plants.

**WATER QUALITY:** Most species are not very demanding as far as water conditions. These fish enjoy water at a pH of 7.5-8.5 in medium hard to hard water. These fish are brackish fish and require the use of tropical fish aquarium salt (2 tbsp per quart of water). Replacement of 20-25% of water is recommended every month in a freshwater tank. Make sure water being added to the tank is the same pH as the tank water, since imbalance can affect the health of the fish. Algae occur naturally in all aquatic ecosystems, but excessive algae growth can give an aquarium an unattractive appearance and upset water quality.

**DIET:** Packaged foods are the way to ensure fish receive a proper balanced diet. Foods come in different forms to satisfy different kinds of eaters. These fish are best fed live nutritious food and clean up snails. As a rule, fish should never be fed more food than they can consume in five minutes. Over-feeding fish is one of the most common mistakes and a major contributor to tank problems.

### **RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES**

- Proper size aquarium
- Heater / Thermometer / Thermostat
- Filter / Pump
- Lights
- Chemicals
- Food
- Substrate
- Decorations

### **TROPICAL FISH REPLACEMENT GUARANTEE**

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