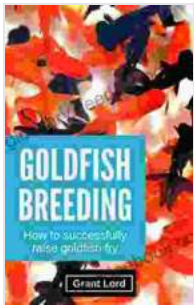


Goldfish Breeding: A Comprehensive Guide to Raising Goldfish Fry

Goldfish are a popular choice for aquarists of all levels, and breeding them can be a rewarding experience. However, it is important to do your research before breeding goldfish, as there is a lot of information available that can be misleading or even harmful. This guide will provide you with everything you need to know about goldfish breeding, from selecting the right parents to caring for the fry.



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Selecting the Right Parents

The first step in breeding goldfish is to select the right parents. The best parents are healthy, mature adults that are at least one year old. They should also be from different genetic lines to avoid inbreeding.

When selecting female goldfish, look for females that are plump and have a rounded belly. This indicates that they are ready to spawn. Males, on the

other hand, should be slender and have a pointed dorsal fin.

Preparing the Breeding Tank

Once you have selected the right parents, you will need to prepare the breeding tank. The breeding tank should be at least 10 gallons in size and should have a gravel substrate. You will also need to provide the fish with plenty of hiding places, such as plants or caves.

The water in the breeding tank should be clean and well-aerated. The temperature should be between 72 and 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Spawning

Goldfish typically spawn in the spring or summer. To induce spawning, you can increase the temperature of the water in the breeding tank by a few degrees. You can also add a few drops of a spawning hormone to the water.

Once the fish have spawned, the female will lay her eggs on the plants or gravel. The male will then fertilize the eggs.

Hatching and Care of the Fry

The eggs will typically hatch within 3-5 days. Once the fry have hatched, you will need to feed them live food, such as brine shrimp or baby brine shrimp. You will also need to keep the water clean and well-aerated.

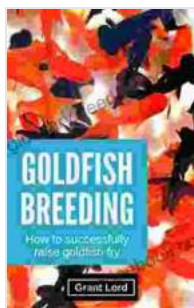
The fry will grow quickly, and within a few months they will be ready to be moved to a larger tank.

Troubleshooting

There are a few things that can go wrong when breeding goldfish. Here are some common problems and how to solve them:

* **The fish don't spawn.** If the fish don't spawn after a few days, you can try increasing the temperature of the water by a few degrees. You can also add a few drops of a spawning hormone to the water. * **The eggs don't hatch.** If the eggs don't hatch within 3-5 days, it is possible that they are not fertile. You can try removing the eggs and placing them in a new tank with fresh water. * **The fry die.** If the fry die, it is possible that the water is not clean or well-aerated. You can try cleaning the water and adding an airstone to the tank.

Breeding goldfish can be a rewarding experience, but it is important to do your research before you start. By following the tips in this guide, you can increase your chances of success.



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