Fish Rescue & Welfare

Moving House?

How to transport your fish safely

FIRST OF ALL THE DONT'S

Remember NEVER move fish or fish water in the tank.

Do not feed your fish for at least 24 hours before moving, this will not harm the fish and will reduce the amount of waste the fish produce during transit so less ammonia is being released into their moving water.

Moving Weather

Its always more of a problem moving fish during a heatwave. If its a long journey the fish ideallyneed an oxygen pump that plugs into the car cigarette charger or similar. The water temperature will increase during hot weather in your vehicle and this in turn takes oxygen out of the transit water.

In cold weather, wrap the transport tubs in a quilt or blanket or use heat pads for a long journey

Take as much of the fish tank water with you as you can and just top up by 50% new (always using your tap safe) will all but eliminate stress to the fish.

Turn the filter off just before the move as after an hour it will start to loose the beneficial bacteria needed to keep the fish healthy. NEVER let the filter dryout and always keep it in a bucket of used tank water during transit.

For short journeys fish can be transported in clean strong polythene bags part filled with tank water but longer journeys and for bigger fish, then a transpot tub is best.

REMEMBER

ALWAYS turn off electrical items such as heaters and filters 15 minutes before you leave.

Do not forget to keep living plants also bagged up with enough tank water to keep them moist.

Protect your tank by wrapping in bubble wrap or blankets and remember to stand it on a cushioned surface. If possible it is best to transport the tank in the boot of a car rather than a van, you can then keep your eye on it and start to set it up immediately on arrival at the new property.

going away on holiday?

How to care for your fish while you are away.

Goldfish can last a week without food but if you are going away for longer I wouldn't recommend holiday blocks or automatic feeders as they can malfunction. Small shoaling fish really need their daily feeding.

I would get someone to pop in but leave the exact amounts of food in a pill box or small tinfoil wraps as non fish keepers have a tendency to grossly overfeed.

You could get some live plants but quarantine them for a full 4 weeks as they could carry disease and parasites.

The fish will happily munch on those.