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FISH MEDICINE AND EMERGENCIES BOX LIST

So many ask what extras they need to buy to have on stand by in emergencies to keep their fish safe so here is my recommended list. REMEMBER TO ALWAYS GET AN AILMENT DIAGNOSED BY AN EXPERT. This doesn't usually mean the man at your local fish shop sadly. Even with something as large as taking in rescue fish as I often have to do over the years, there is not much you need. Don't get roped into having a whole box of meds and potions that wont work or are not needed.

NEVER FORGET a good liquid test kit such as the API master test kit is a must as early detection of water problems can and will save fish lives. TEST STRIPS ARE RENOWNED FOR GIVING FALSE READINGS, THESE CAN NOT BE TRUSTED.

My list is

1. a dechlorinator (tap safe) It does not have to be Prime as there are other brands on the market every bit as good that you don't have to double and triple dose. I personally use the Waterlife tap safe and have done for many years. This works better than Prime in my opinion. So many rave about Prime as it 'neutralises ammonia' but they nearly all do the same job so don't be fooled and

you do not need to double, triple or 5x dose other brands as Prime suggests to do with theirs , a single dose of a good brand tap safe does the job as with my suggested brand.

2. Waterlife Myxazin for bacterial infections,

3. Esha 2000, Good for fungal infections

4. A good brand of Ich medication any one will be fine, early treatment can save lives.

5. Epsom Salt for Dropsy, constipation and bloat. This must be 100% magnesium sulphate with nothing else added.

6. Clove oil and a small bottle of neat grain alcohol such as vodka for humane euthanasia.

7. A spare heater is a MUST incase yours malfunctions,

8. ALWAYS run 2 filters in your tank for emergencies, even if the second is a small one as this can be a life saver for sick fish as a quarantine or hospital tank/tub can be set up in a matter of minutes.

This is all you should ever need. . ALWAYS QUARANTINE NEW FISH AND PLANTS FOR A FULL 4 WEEKS BEFORE ADDING THEM TO YOUR MAIN TANK AND YOU SHOULD NEVER NEED PARASITE MEDICATIONS. They can be purchased if needed but I've not had anything other than Ich (white spot) in over 40 years in the hobby personally. HAPPY FISHKEEPING <.)))))))))><