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Cardinal Tetra

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Mike

Mike Jacobs, Editor TBAS Filter

Corydoras kanei
Kanei Cory

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Let's Begin 2020 With Some Photos!!!



Buccochromis spectabilis
Hap Spectabilis



Symphysodon sp. discus
Ocean Green Discus



Cribroheros robertsoni
False Firemouth Cichlid



Golden Belly Barb - *Hypsibarbus wetmorei*





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It Was a Very, Very Fun Merry, Merry Christmas/Holiday TBAS Party!!!

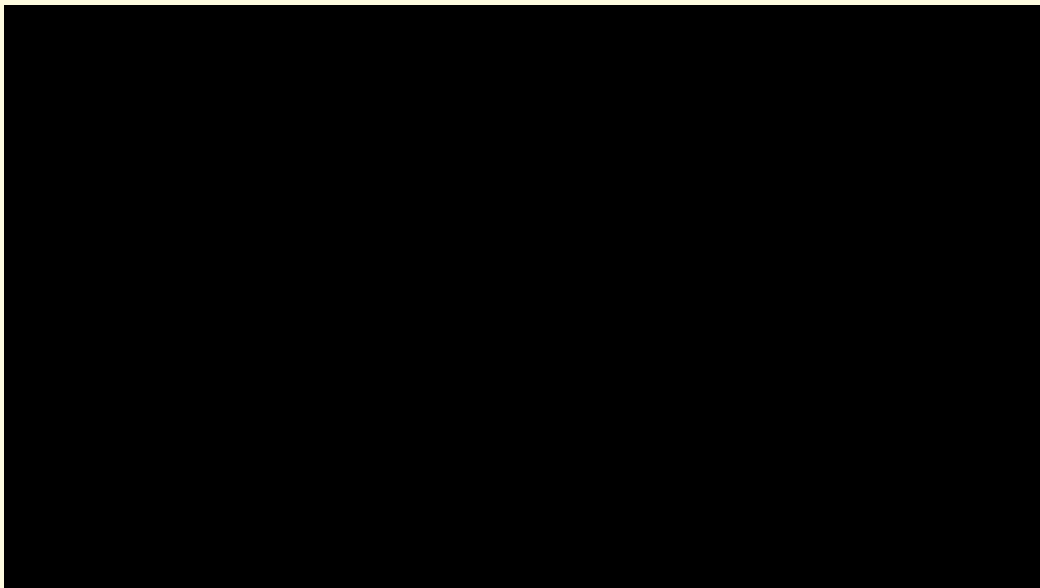




Angelfish & Eggs



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Can't We All Just Get Along?

One of the biggest problems that new and old fish keepers have is getting their fish to get along, even when they are only keeping one species. To complicate matters what works for

one person may not work for someone else. Tank Size, the habitat, food and water quality are all factors in fish compatibility. But, sometimes you will run into a fish that does not fit its profile. This can be caused by inbreeding, poor nutrition during egg development or a number of other factors. These fish can be either big bruisers or real wimps, but these are exceptions to the rule.

There are many books that try to give compatibility guides but they often all short. Here are some simple rules that you can follow that will help you select the right kind of fish so your tank will be a more "peaceful" place.

The first thing you need to know is how big the fish will get. Hopefully your fish store will have books you can look at (if they don't have any reference material, I would worry about buying any fish at that store). Once you know how big the fish will become, then you will know if you have the right-sized tank for it and any tank mates of similar size you might want to put with it. **NO! FISH DO NOT GROW TO THE SIZE OF THE TANK!** This is the biggest fallacy in the hobby and if someone tells you that, they don't know what they are talking about! A fish's mouth size will tell you a lot too . . . big mouth predators should not be kept with small fish. Large fish with small mouths can be kept with smaller fish.

The next thing you need to know are the water requirements.

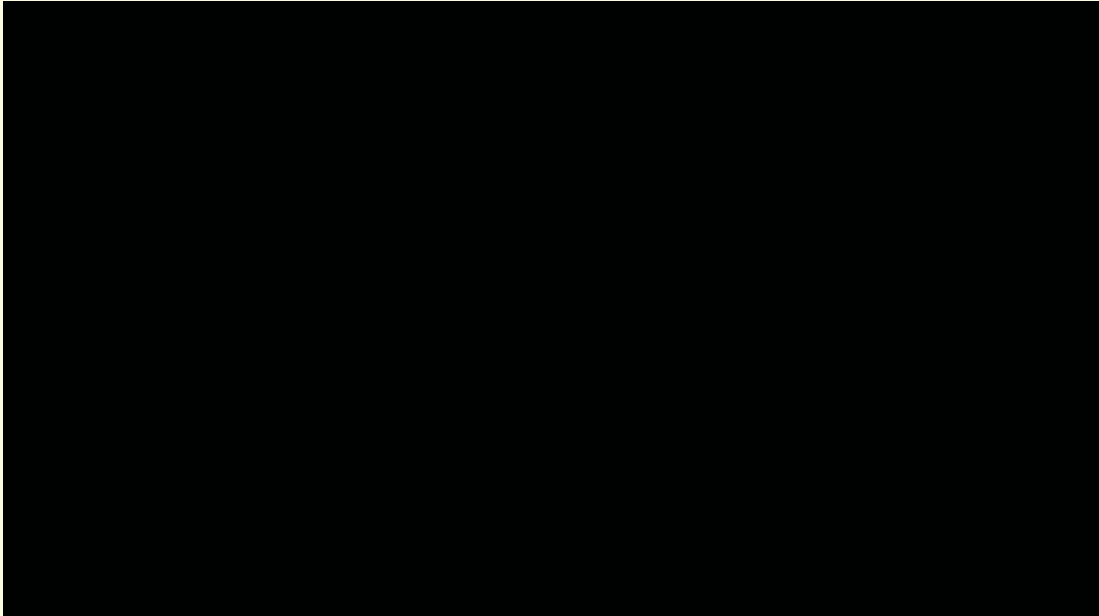
Do you need hard or soft water, warm or cold? Maybe this fish needs a higher pH or lower pH. You can't mix fish that have very different water requirements because it is inevitable that someone will be unhappy.

Does the fish need to be in schools, pairs, harems or alone? What if you purchase barbs? They like schools and are very unhappy in pairs and will nip and pick at each other and other fish unless kept in groups of six or more. Perhaps your male won't get along with a single female but needs a harem. These are things you must consider.

Food is not something that many people think of when considering compatibility, but take, for example, the seahorse. Seahorse and related pipefish eat only live food and eat it very slowly. Most fish you keep with them will eat all the food before they get a chance, even though they won't harm the seahorses. Don't mix vegetable-eaters with live plant tanks. Many fish have special food requirements so keep this in mind when mixing different kinds of fish.

Activity level and habitat go together. Active fish need swimming room and many sedate fish need hiding places. Often the very active fish will make slower fish nervous, but sometimes they are used with more aggressive fish to distract them from fighting with each other. And what do YOU want? Do you like fish darting and flashing about or are more sedate, slow movers? Some predators are sedate until food goes by. Don't let that fool you. Be sure they fit the other rules too.

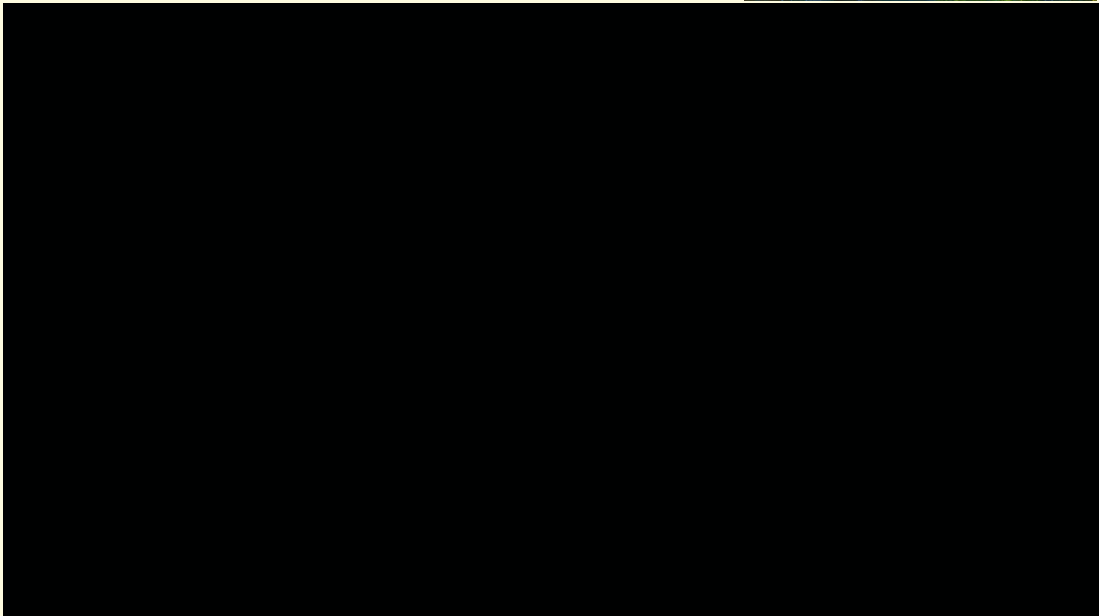
This article is meant to provide some guidelines and just because the fish you pick match all rules doesn't mean they will all get along. Sometimes you have to change the tank around or add more fish for distraction or add more habitats. There will always be exceptions to the rule and remember each fish has its own personality. Until next month, keep those fish happy.



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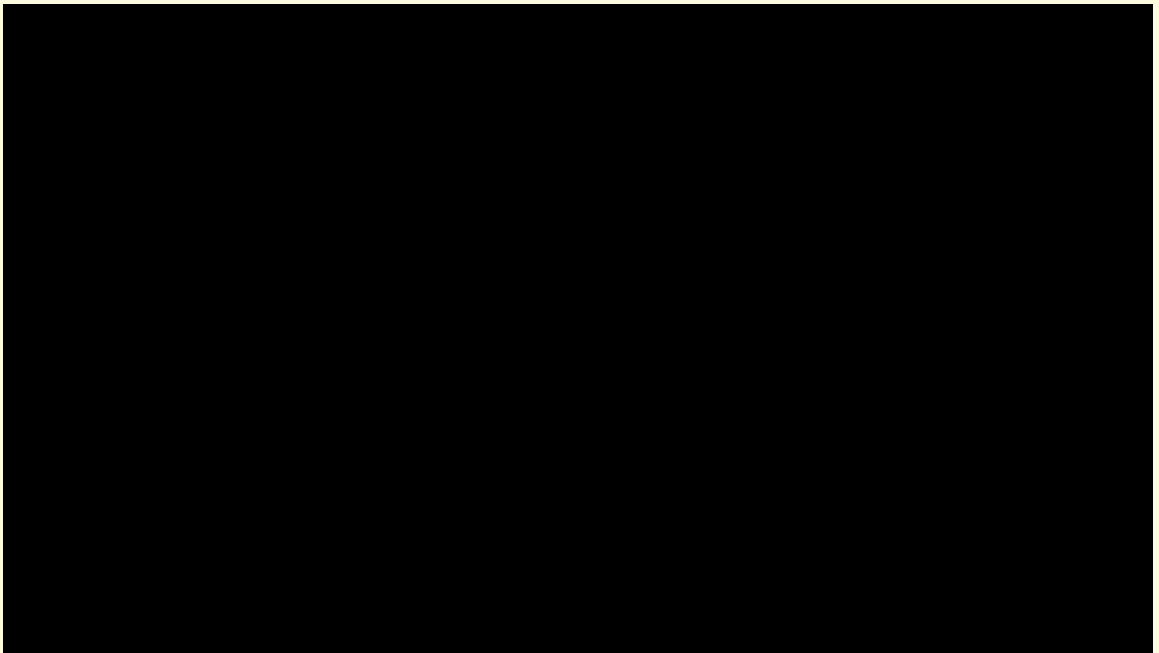
RUMMYNOSE TETRAS *Hemigrammus bleheri*

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***Symphysodon sp. discus* . . . Heckel Discus**

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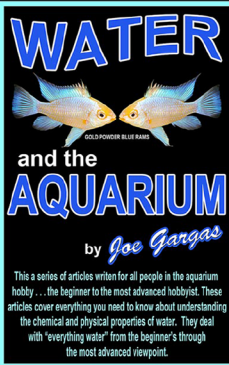


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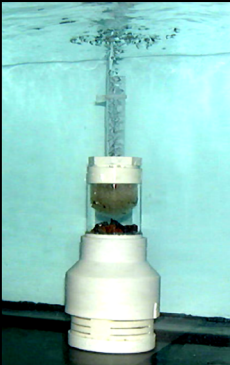


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