

Fish Illnesses

Signs of Illness in your fish

1. Collapsed fins or pinched stomachs.
2. Lethargic activity
3. Not eating
4. Hides all the time
5. Cloudy eyes
6. Fins look torn or ragged
7. Mucous slime build up on the body of the fish
8. Extra long stringy feces
9. Salt like spots all over the fish
10. Breathing abnormally fast or heavy
11. Swimming sporadically
12. Pale spots on body of fish
13. Reddish gills

If any of these signs are present you may need to administer medication.

It is very important that you are able to identify the illness properly. If the illness is untreated for too long it may end up killing the fish. It is very important to medicate with the proper medications because if the illness is not treated properly the fish may die or have permanent damage to the body or fins.

It is very important that you follow the directions very carefully when treating any fish for illnesses. If you have a 55 gallon tank that needs medication it is recommended that you only medicate for 50 gallons because there will be displacement when you add substrate and rock. Do not overdose any medicine, this usually kills fish. Make sure that you remove all of the carbon from the filters because this will remove the medication. If the medication calls for a partial water change during the treatment make sure to do one. You will want to do a full scale water test to determine the reason why the fishes are sick. If the water is testing healthy then you will need to start looking at environmental factors. Make sure there is nothing near the aquarium that may hurt the water, such as incense, carpet fresh, or candles. Most of these things should be kept in a different room than the aquarium entirely. It is not uncommon that it will take two full treatments of medication to cure illness in Salt water.

