

## AQUATICS

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**4-H Resources:** Division 1—4-H 447-W

Note: Members will leave their exhibits the full week of the fair.

### PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

**Division 1** – Exhibit 2 fish of the same species in a 12" x 6" x 8" aquarium. If the fish are livebearers, show 2 females and 1 male. Gravel and plants should be used, but be sure that they do not distract from the appearance of the fish. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited **MUST** be included. Include last year's records, if possible.

**Division 2** – Exhibit 2 fish which are not livebearers, but of the same species. Fish are to be exhibited in a 12" x 6" x 8" aquarium. Extra credit if the fish were shown at the fair the previous year. Gravel and plants should be used. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited **MUST** be included. Include last year's records, if possible.

**Division 3** – Exhibit 2 fish, which are livebearers, of the same species. If you show with their offspring (at least 2), you will receive extra credit points. Breeding grass is permissible in order to protect their offspring. Fish will be exhibited in a 12" x 6" x 8" aquarium. Gravel and plants should be used. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited **MUST** be included. Include last year's records, if possible.

**Division 4** – Exhibit at least 2 fish of different species. Fish will be exhibited in a 12" x 6" x 8" aquarium. Gravel and plants should be used. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited **MUST** be included. Include last year's records, if possible.

**Division 5** – Decorating an aquarium. A balanced aquarium the size of 12" x 6" x 8". The balanced aquarium will have fish, plants, and gravel. You may use other items to make the fish environment look more natural. You may use the same or different species of fish and/or plants. You may also exhibit 2 live fish in a separate aquarium. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited **MUST** be included. Include last year's records, if possible.

**Division 6 & Above** – Display a 10 gallon aquarium. A balanced aquarium of fish, plants, and gravel. You may use other items to make the fish environment look more natural. You may use the same or different species of fish and/or plants. You may also exhibit 2 live fish in a separate aquarium. Project record sheets must accompany exhibit. A one page information sheet about the fish exhibited must be included. Include previous year's records, if possible.

ALL FISH ARE JUDGED AGAINST THEMSELVES AS FULL ADULTS.

Fish are judged on: COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, HEALTH.

Decorated Aquarium: FISH, APPEARANCE, BALANCE, PLANTS, (CONDITION & ARRANGEMENT), NATURALIZATION.

Exhibitor must be present when exhibit is checked in and assembled.

12" x 6" x 8" aquariums, heaters and aerators will be supplied. Contact project superintendent for details or if you are in Division 6 & above and need to make arrangements for an aquarium larger than 10 gallons.

The 4-H Fairboard is not responsible for care of your fish while at the fair!