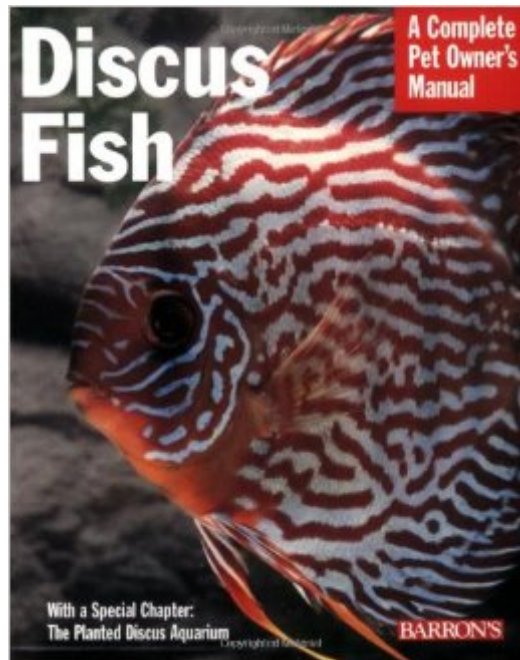


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# Discus Fish (Complete Pet Owner's Manual)



## Synopsis

Freshwater aquarium hobbyists will find all the information they need regarding purchasing, feeding, and maintaining this delicately-hued tropical fish. Heavily illustrated with vivid color photos and instructive line art, Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals show and inform pet owners regarding proper care of dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, small caged animals--virtually every creature that is kept as a pet. The books give advice on purchasing and otherwise acquiring a pet, feeding it nutritiously, keeping it in good health, and where applicable, grooming and training it. Each book in this large series is individually written by a specialist, and though the information is authoritative, the text is clear and straightforward, easy for every pet owner to understand.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great resource book to learn about Discus fish. The author offers great advice on how to care for your Discus fish. My first aquarium has several types of fish, including Angelfish. I had discus fish in it but I removed them to my second aquarium. It is about 750 liters unplanted aquarium. My second aquarium has only Discus fish, and I am totally in love with them. The aquarium is about 750 liters, and it is planted. I have driftwood in it as well. I initially had 11 Discus in it, but now I only have 7. I was really concerned at the rate at which my Discus were expiring. I bought this book to understand Discus fish better and to better care for them. I am glad I read this book. Discus fish are very sensitive to water quality, and need very soft water. The author recommends using blackwater extract to soften the water and produce an environment similar to an

ian basin. I did just that, and my fish seem much happier and healthier, and displaying glowing colors. The water did turn a bit dark yellow, but my carbon enriched filter soon took care of that problem. Here is the optimum water quality: Temperature: 82-90 F (27.8-32 C) pH: 6-7.5 Hardness: 2-6 GH Ammonia and nitrite levels below zero Nitrate levels of no more than 20mg/L The author also recommends using a conductivity meter to measure the hardness of the water. I relied on a chemical testing kit to test for water hardness. The test consists of adding droplets of a chemical into a test tube containing the aquarium water, until the sample turns blue. Though a general test, it is not accurate. To have precise measurements, a conductivity meter is necessary, especially if you want to breed your Discus fish.

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