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Fish

Do you want a pet that swims? A fish isn't necessarily the cuddliest pet options, but fish owners find that fish ownership is just as rewarding and enjoyable as other pet types. Fish are a fairly low maintenance pet that the whole family can enjoy. A fish is also a great pet for someone with allergies.

Owning fish can be as simple as one goldfish in a bowl, or as complicated as having an entire fish tank with a wide variety of various colors and sizes. While a fish might seem like a very simple pet to own, it is important to realize that it is still a commitment, like and other pet. When the owner is on vacation, he or she must make sure that someone will care for and feed their fish. When the fish get sick, they need to be taken care of as well. Fish need to be fed special food, and in some cases, the water needs to be regulated to a certain temperature. If the pet owner plans to get more than one type of fish, he or she should speak to a professional at the pet store to make sure the different fish will cohabitate well together.

Fish come in many different types. One of the most popular types for family pets is the Betta fish (also known as the Siamese Fighting Fish) . This fish can be kept in a simple bowl of fairly warm water, which means it can be placed in natural sunlight. This is because it is naturally a tropical fish. Colored stones can be placed at the bottom of the fish bowl, and a ceramic castle, plastic plant or decorative item made for fish tanks could be added. To care for the fish, just remember to give it a few flakes of fish food each day and change the water often. Overfeeding a fish is a dangerous but a common mistake, and could lead to death.