



## Fit for a king

The discus fish is known as the king of the fresh-water aquarium. At last, this magnificent fish is now also suitable for first-time aquarium owners.

Discus fish swim majestically to and fro in the aquarium, as if intending to display their splendour to greatest effect. You never know, who might be watching – and it's always good to win over new fans!

The discus is a Cichlid variety and originally comes from the Amazon region. For many years, discuses caught in the wild were only suitable for expert aquarium owners. However, the colourful German discuses, which have been bred in captivity, can now also be kept successfully by beginners.

The colours of the discus fish – which can grow up to 20 cm in size – range from bright red to turquoise and these colours are sometimes striped, sometimes spotted. They are accustomed to tap water and a free from worms and discus plague. The required water parameters are easy to maintain: general hardness GH 15, carbonate hardness KH 8, pH value 7, conductivity 800 µs, water temperature 28° – 30°C / 82.5 – 86°F.

Ideally, it's best to keep a pair of discus fish, for which an aquarium of at least 1 metre length is sufficient in size. Alternatively, it can also be advantageous to keep 10-12 fish, which will require an aquarium capacity of at least 400 L (160 cm x 50 cm x 50 cm) when the fish are fully grown.

A discus aquarium is easy to set up with sand and aquarium roots. An underwater landscape with a range of aquarium plants is also a good habitat for discus fish. Neons, butterfly cichlids, smaller catfish, dwarf cichlids and Amano shrimps are great companions for the magnificent discuses.

All important information about discus fish, including aquarium-keeping infos for beginners, instructions for changing aquarium water and ideal aquarium plants and companion fish are available free of charge at: [www.Diskuszucht-Stendker.de](http://www.Diskuszucht-Stendker.de)

