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SIAMESE FIGHTER FACT FILE

The Siamese fighting fish (Betta Splendens) originates from such places as Laos Thailand, Vietnam & Cambodia, in rice paddies and other shallow bodies of water. They are a TROPICAL fish, contrary to belief they are NOT a cold water fish. Fighters should be kept in an absolute minimum temp of 16 degrees, and thrive at approx. 24 degrees. They like neutral water (7.0) and medium water hardness. Fighters require selected granulated dry foods, and some frozen foods - but ultimately their diet should consist mainly of live foods such as black worm, daphnia, and brine shrimp. The males are very aggressive towards other males and will fight to the death. The males do not make good community fish because of their slow, awkward swimming style, and quickly become easy targets from tank mates who attack their beautiful finnage. Fighter males should be kept individually. Females may be kept together as long as ample plants and hiding places are available, in case of any fighting. Females and males generally should be kept separate from each other until breeding, as the males are very aggressive toward them. Breeding takes place after the male builds a large bubble nest on the surface of the water. The female can only then be introduced to the male, and if she is accepted, breeding should take place over the next 24 hrs. The female drops the eggs on the males embrace, they are fertilized and he will collect them all and place them in the bubble nest. With the eggs now safely in the nest you should carefully remove the female as she will eat the eggs, and the male will become very aggressive towards her. The male will maintain the nest until the young hatch. You should then remove the male. The fry are very small and require miniature food particles. If you make it this far, come in and see us for further assistance. We hope you enjoy your special little labyrinth fish, the Siamese Fighter.

