

Selecting the Right Pet Fish

All pets, including fish, require much care and attention as well as an investment of time and money. To be a responsible pet owner, you must learn about the animal and its care and make sure the source you are getting it from is reputable.

Pets should never be an impulse buy as they will be a part of your family for years to come and require a commitment to provide lifelong care.



What fish will make the best pet for your family?

Home aquariums are a great way for kids to learn about animals and connect with nature. Make sure to choose a type of fish that best fits your lifestyle.

Review these guidelines to be sure you make the best pet fish choice for your family.

Compare the care requirements of freshwater vs. saltwater fish:



FRESHWATER FISH



SALTWATER FISH

WATER



COST



TIME



INVESTIGATE

Research the fish you are interested in caring for and how they interact with other fish through books, websites and [aquarium experts](#).

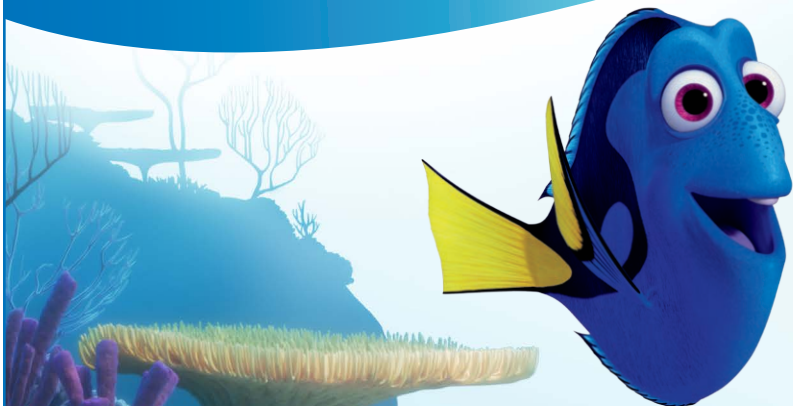
- Saltwater aquariums can be tricky for beginners, so consider a freshwater aquarium instead.
- Always select appropriate aquacultured* fish as a first choice for your home aquarium.
- For the well-being of your fish and other wildlife and their habitats, never release fish into the wild.
- Blue tangs, like Dory, do not make good pets so instead choose appropriate aquacultured fish.

VISIT

Go to your local [Association of Zoos and Aquariums \(AZA\)](#)-accredited aquarium or zoo to experience an up-close look at some amazing fish and other aquatic animals.

PROTECT

You can have a positive impact on the ocean and marine life, no matter where you live, since all waterways lead to the ocean. To learn more about your favorite [#DisneyAnimals](#), go to [DisneyAnimals.com](#).



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*Aquaculture is the raising of fish in managed environments to help relieve stress on wild populations.