



Preparation for the Fish Vet consult



The Fish Vet

Diagnosing fish diseases can sometimes be more involved than the more traditional veterinary consult. It is not as simple as bringing your fish to the vet. Fish consults require a special approach. To help Dr Loh provide you the best advice, please prepare beforehand, all the information TheFishVet may require. Some useful information that you can bring along to help with the evidence gathering process:

1. The **fish** in question or the worst affected fish.

*Note down any signs of disease (see the fact sheet on "**How to Tell When a Fish is Sick**").

2. **Aquarium** dimensions (length, width and height), planting and the number and type of fish it houses.

3. Any **medications** you have used, or are using;

*Please note that by treating your pet before taking it to the vet may mask the presence of certain diseases and make diagnosis more difficult.

4. **Water samples:**

- Tap water,

*chlorine and pH levels may be the problem.

- Aquarium water without fish,

- An equivalent volume of water to take the fish home in,

*also very important if we need to anaesthetise the fish.

*Fish are constantly in intimate contact with water that a great proportion of fish diseases stems from poor water quality. The water test for pH, ammonia, nitrate and nitrite is strongly recommended to provide a more complete picture of the problem.





5. Fish **food** (in its container).

Certain diet types may be unsuitable or may not meet the nutritional needs of your pet fish.

6. Information about your **equipment**:

Your powerhead specifications (the number often denotes the volume of water it turnovers per hour); Lighting; Filtration type, material and size.

If you have any problems gathering these information beforehand, Dr Loh should be able to work it out with you during the consult.

For more detailed information contact [The Fish Vet](#)

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