



Guppy Club of Great Britain

Guppy Club Of Great Britain Mission Statement.

The focus of the organisation is to build and maintain a working relationship with other IKGH Guppy breeders both in the UK and abroad. To grow the organisation with in the UK and attract breeders to Show Guppies at the IKGH European Championships.

NEW GUPPY BOOK.

Phillip Shaddock

Guppy Colour Manual.

Due to finalising some detail in the book. Phillip has delayed production of this new book till later in 2012.

www.guppydesigner.com

Web Site of The Month.

Omega One Fish Foods

Based in Southeast Alaska.

Reputed to use the very best of raw ingredients. Ask at your local store as now available here in the UK by ALF.

Used by some high profile

German Guppy Breeders

www.omegasea.net

Fancy Guppies UK.

Fancy Guppies UK are organising an event on 12th Febuarey 2012. This event will be held at the Gateway Hotel in Nottingham.

Entrance Fee £10 .00 per person.

This will also be the first leg of the

UK Guppy League

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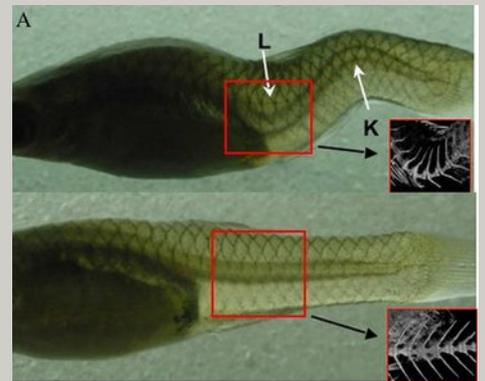
Welcome to all our New Members. We have got off to a Great start. Our New Club has an interesting mix of breeders including some showing a real interest in Breeding and Showing Guppies on the EC Championships circuit in 2012.

The Curve back Guppy.

Heritable Spinal Curvature.

From scientific papers written by Dr. Kristen Fay Gorman this problem is known to be genetic. However the cause of idiopathic-type scoliosis is unknown.

What is important to the Guppy breeder is to eradicate all fry and cease breeding from any adult stock that is producing deformities of this kind. Guppies are born with a fully ossified skeleton, and curvature develops after birth. There is variability of the curve magnitude with in a family group. The rate at which this develops is also variable. It is believed that this will continue until the fry reach sexual maturity. Extreme curvature is most common in adolescents. Although males and females have similar rate of on set, females are 5 times more likely to develop severe curves. It is thought the deformity is most likely caused by a multiple of genes.



However if we look at this image you will need to look again at the lower guppy to spot the curvature.

It is not ethical to pass on any breeding stock or normal looking fry from a batch that has produced this type of problem.

Curvature of the Spine in the female Guppy.

It is important not to confuse the above article with curvature of the spine in the adult female breeding stock. This is a separate issue and would more likely to be a vitamin deficiency resulting from pregnancy or old age.

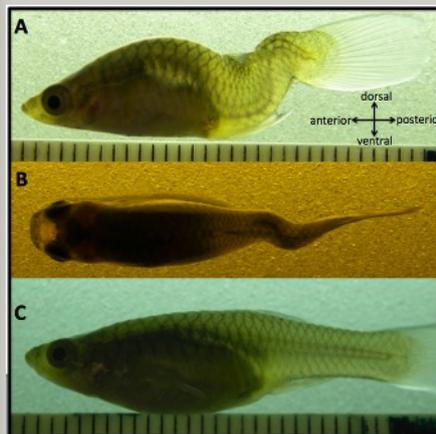


Photo shows A-B to have developed this and C shows a near normal skeleton of the female.



This picture shows a Lutino normal breeding female with good shape and a broad peduncle base. Photo by Gernot Kaden Germany.