



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.

Phillip has contacted me recently and is preparing to write another quality book. I believe this will be a

limited Edition

www.guppydesigner.com

Web Site of The Month.

I visited Steve Elliott this month to see Steve's new fish room. I was pleasantly surprised. He has the biggest and most impressive set up in the UK.

I hope to do an article on his fish Room soon.

Breeders Looking for new lines

Visit web site.

www.guppyfarmuk.com

Welcome Back John.

I am sure many of you remember John he was the IT Guy at the BLA Conference for a few years. He is still breeding Guppies and has now joined GCO-GB.



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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.

Feeding Guppies to Show Size.

Raising Guppies to Show Size.

While the IKGH Standard booklet will give you the ideal mm size to aim towards how do you the breeder acquire the show size set for the standard of a particular tail shape.

There are a few basic points to cover off in the first instant. The environment in which you maintain your fry and sub adults plays a major part in the growth stages and seriously affects the skeleton development during these periods.

Areas such as temperature, overcrowding and water quality all play their part in how the young fish grow. How often do you see images of sub adults with claims that these are only three to four months old and then return to your brood and ask how do they do that.

Guppies as we know should be fed a variety of foods both live and prepared dry foods. These being fed in small amounts little and often.

Very little is written on the effect that the micro nutrients have on the growth stages at this time.

The Guppy being an omnivore, meaning they can utilise both meats and plant matter, this in theory should make the task a much simpler one but as they both contain protein. What is the correct balance of each when using prepared dry foods.

Many books offer a table that the correct amount of total protein value is between 30-50% . This offers an enormous variation taking into consideration that as little as 5-10% variant can affect growth in mammals a 1000 times larger than the Guppy. What effect is these parameters having on the fry or sub adults.

At this stage we know protein and fats are very important, only a keen eye and attention to detail will give you the breeder the desired visual effect. You must know your strain and record details of abnormalities that occur during these growth stages.

Recording what foods were fed and how often also recording size at the various stages of age. Do Guppies need supplements during this time. Yes of course and one of the best ways to offer these is Spirulina, which offers a high concentration of vitamins and amino acids.

Over the coming weeks we can explore the effects of feeding Live verses Dry foods.

Water quality and what this means during the early stages and finally micro nutrient deficiency in new born fry. I never said it was going to be easy .

Your thoughts by e mail can be transcribed in another Newsletter and offer members a chance to learn more about feeding Guppies.

