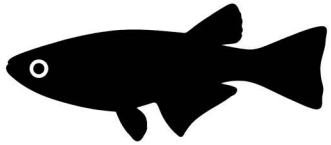
INTRODUCTION

What are medaka rice fish?



Medaka offer a splash of color and beauty to your living space like a “mini koi pond”.

Meet the Medaka: Japan’s Beloved Rice Fish

Medaka (*Oryzias latipes*), also known as Japanese rice fish, are small, colorful freshwater fish that have been cherished in Japan for centuries.

They’re peaceful, hardy, and easy to care for—making them perfect for beginners and experienced fish keepers alike.

Medaka can live in a wide range of temperatures, from around **10°C (50°F)** to **30°C (86°F)**, and thrive in outdoor containers, bowls, or ponds without mechanical filtration.

WHAT IS AMA

A community outreach incentive, fostering education & conversations with fellow medaka hobbyists.

Core Principles

- Ethical Sourcing:
Support and promote the responsible care of legally sourced, inspected, and properly documented live fish.

- Transparency:
Recognizing medaka strains that have a traceable origin and detailed lineage.

- Lineage & Legacy
Celebrate the history of each strain and honour creators by following trait standards.

- Tradition & Innovation
Preserving traditional strains and striving to improve fixation rates with each generation.

OUR MISSION

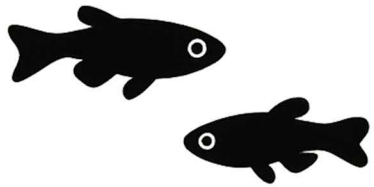
Our community is open to respectful discussion with everyone, regardless of their approach.

Membership
Membership is open to anyone committed to upholding AMA values.

Education, Outreach
Open exchange of knowledge through multiple platforms.
(ex: Discord, Facebook, Medakapedia).

Positive Community
While the AMA promotes high standards, we understand that medaka enthusiasts come from all backgrounds and experiences.

Whether you're here to learn, connect, or take the next step toward ethical breeding practices, you're welcome to be part of the conversation.



Learn more at
https://americanmedaka.org/



Getting Started: Medaka Care Basics

Tank Size & Setup

Small groups can thrive in tanks as small as 5–10 gallons.

Water Conditions

Temperature: 44° - 104°F (6.7° - 40°C); ideal around 75-86°F (24-30°C)

pH: Neutral to slightly alkaline (6.8–8.0)

Water changes: 20–30% weekly recommended

Feeding

Feed small amounts 1–2 times daily.

Behavior & Breeding

Peaceful and social—best kept in groups.

Easy to breed: males display to females, and eggs are laid daily in the right conditions.

For intentional breeding, consider separating fry (babies) from adults.

Lifespan

Typically 1–2 years, though well-kept medaka can live longer.



AMERICAN MEDAKA ASSOCIATION AMA

Promoting ethical breeding and appreciation of Japanese rice fish in the U.S.

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What is the American Medaka Association (AMA)?

The AMA is a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting the ethical care, breeding, and preservation of Japanese rice fish (Oryzias latipes) through education, community support, and genetic transparency.

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