

# Goldfish Fact Sheet

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1. Goldfish have been kept as pets for over 2000 years! Pet goldfish date all the way back to ancient China!
2. Domestic goldfish were introduced to Japan in 1603, to Europe in 1611 and to North America around 1850.
3. A group of goldfish is “a troubling”. Just as you’d say “a herd of cows”, you’d say “a troubling of goldfish”!
4. Goldfish can live for decades! Some goldfish have been known to live for over 40 years!
5. Goldfish can grow to over a foot long when kept in the right conditions
6. Goldfish need a big tank, not a bowl! We recommend 20 gallons (90L) for one fancy goldfish and 30 gallons (135L) for one common/comet goldfish.
7. Goldfish have a memory-span of at least three months! The 3 second memory is a myth!
8. Goldfish will eat plants, insects, small crustaceans, and sometimes even other small fish!
9. Goldfish have teeth! But they’re not like human teeth. Goldfish teeth are near the back of their throats.
10. Goldfish don’t have stomachs! Goldfish should therefore be fed easily digestible food in lots of small feeding sessions, rather than lots of food at once.
11. Goldfish have no eyelids, so they sleep with their eyes open!
12. Goldfish can see more colors than humans can! Goldfish are able to see ultra-violet and infra-red light.
13. Goldfish lay lots of eggs! A female goldfish will lay hundreds or even thousands of eggs in a single spawning.

