

CARE SHEET

Developed with and approved by a Qualified Veterinarian

Characteristics Within the 13 classes of koi, there is great variation of color and pattern
They can be scaled, non-scaled, or metallic-skinned
Overall body and head shape can vary widely

Habitat Maintenance Check filter, other equipment, and water temperature daily
Check water quality at least once a week
Change 10–25% of the total volume of water every two to four weeks, or as needed

Compatibility Koi are a peaceful, schooling fish
Compatible with other koi and goldfish

Signs of a Healthy Fish

- Clear eyes
- Active and alert
- Healthy appetite
- Clean skin and fins

Common Health Issues	Health Issue (alpha)	Symptoms or Causes	Suggested Action
	Fungus	White cotton-like patches appear on the fish's body or fins	A commercial chemical remedy can be effective; improve water quality
	Ich	Cysts or white spots on fins, gills, and skin; fish rubs against hard objects or swims awkwardly	Use a commercial Ich remedy as directed

Signs of Illness

- Loss of color or appetite
- Erratic swimming
- Spots or fungus on body or mouth
- Labored breathing

If you notice any of these signs, test water quality and improve as necessary

Preventing Common Health Issues Avoid crowded conditions; they are a major cause of stress and disease
Maintain good water quality with regular water changes and adequate filtration

Sources *Aquarium Fish* by Dick Mills
How to Keep Koi by David Twigg
Koi Health and Disease by Erik L. Johnson, DVM

Note: The information on this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, please refer to the above sources or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.