



As a home emergency set we recommend:

1. Activated carbon sachets (available in pet shops)

Activated carbon will filter out any toxins which may be present in your aquarium water. Activated carbon sachets should be removed from the aquarium after a maximum of three weeks, as once the carbon is saturated with toxins, these will be released back into the water! In its dry state, activated carbon can be stored for many years without a reduction in efficacy.

Using activated carbon sachets is also recommended, if your fish display signs of illness even though water chemistry values appear to be OK. Some toxins are not readily identifiable.

2. Quarantine aquarium

Complete aquarium set with a capacity of 60 litres/15 US gallons, with heating, filter, thermometer and aeration stone (diaphragm pump).

(Also suitable for heat treatments and quarantining sick, emaciated fish.)

To avoid the risk of introducing diseases, newly purchased fish should first be kept in a quarantine aquarium together with a fish from the existing aquarium, in order to test for bacterial compatibility ([LINK Testing Bacterial Compatibility](#)).

A bucket, bathtub or polystyrene fish box filled with tap water at the appropriate temperature can be used as an emergency aquarium. Equip your emergency aquarium/ quarantine aquarium with an aeration stone (diaphragm pump), heating rod and thermometer.

Our discus fish can survive in normal tap water in such an emergency aquarium for several weeks.

As your emergency aquarium is not equipped with a filter, do not feed the fish! The fish are able to cope quite well without feed for a few weeks (e.g. holidays). (see [LINK: Running in Filters](#)).