

# Goldfish—Plain Or Fancy—Have Beauty, Mystery

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Early everyone has, or has had, a goldfish.

Even with relatively recent advent of the exotic tropical fish the goldfish has maintained its popularity. During the past several years there has been a marked increase in keeping fancy breeds of goldfish, which go by such flamboyant names as the Japanese nymph, the Chinese scaleless telescope, the Chinese celestial telescope or lionhead.

Whether you are interested in a simple dime pet from the city store or want to go in for show fish costing hundreds of dollars each, you still find fascinating beauty.

Goldfish are remarkably adaptable, living in small bowls on the living room table, making it through winters where they are frozen in ice and even taking over large lakes or streams to the point of becoming a nuisance.

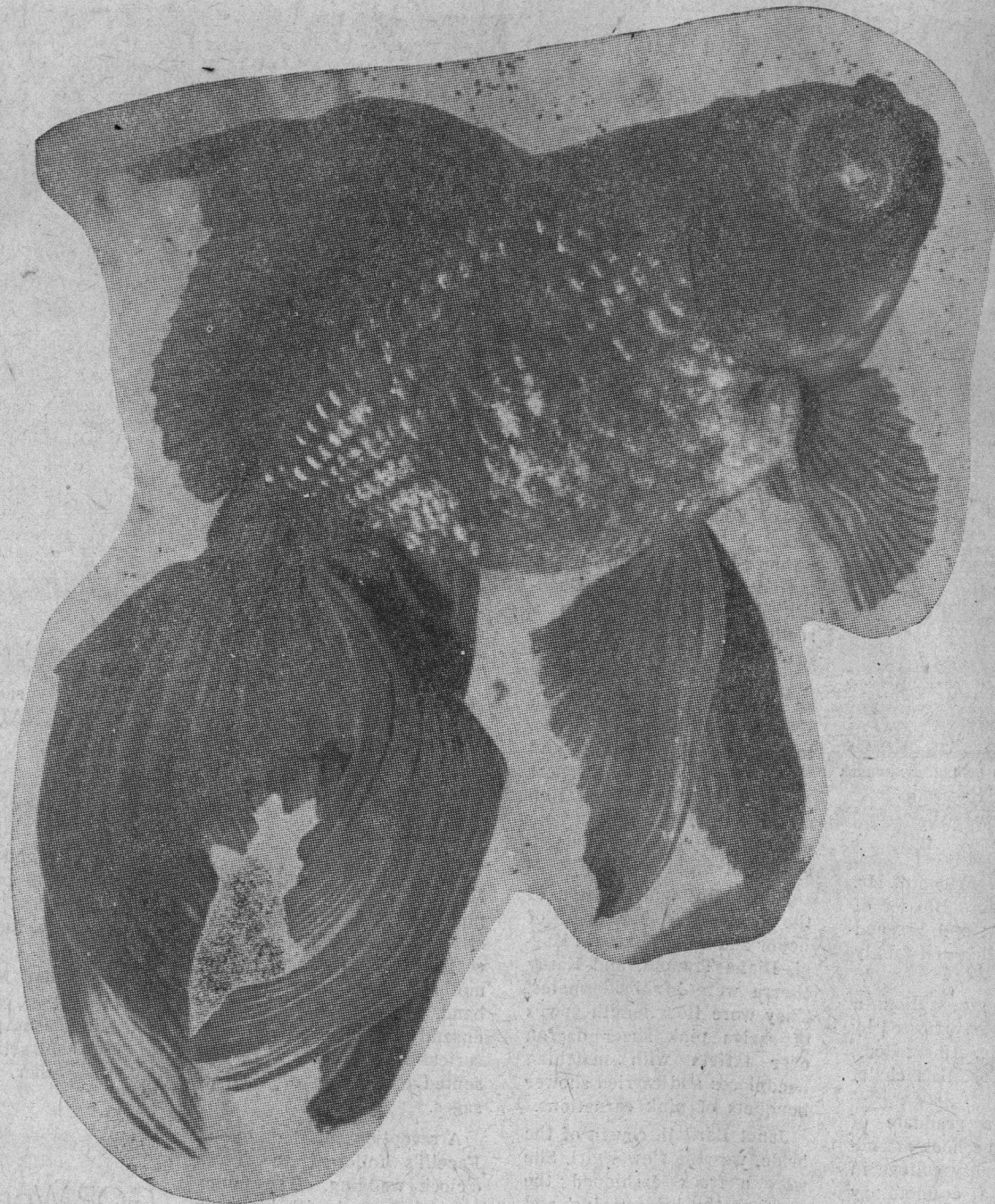
Their life span varies dramatically. Most don't make it past a few weeks from spawning. In a large enough indoor aquar-

ium, 10 to 20 years is an old fish. In outdoor ponds, they may live 30 years or more.

The history of the goldfish goes back to a native Oriental carp, which was silver-gray or olive in color with a natural tendency towards a yellow or gold tinge. The Chinese started selective breeding, and their patient efforts had developed fancy fish by the seventh century. The Chinese and Koreans carried on the development of striking colors, odd shapes and remarkable fin development.

There is a question about the authenticity of the story that goldfish were introduced to Europe to entertain Madame Pompadour, but it could be true. Scattered throughout fish books are other adventure tales of well-guarded fancy breeds being spirited out of the Orient by sailors who bribed temple servants. Even today stories are heard of fabulous fish hidden and guarded in shadowy Oriental hideways.

Keeping goldfish is simple if a few basic rules are observed. First buy healthy, active and full-bodied fish and second, give them a container large enough, generally a gallon of water per inch of fish. Feed them as much as they will eat, but with no excess food to rot in the tank, which is the most common cause of death. Also, be sure water temperatures are finger-touching same when adding or changing water.



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At upper left is one of the fancy breeds of goldfish, the black veiltail moor. This magnificent specimen, pictured life-size, was imported from Hong Kong by Warren Katsos of 1009 Pacific avenue. But even choosing a common goldfish is a problem, as shown by Colleen and Janeen Russell at lower left, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell of 209 Majors street. The fish they choose, if cared for properly, may live to be enjoyed by their grandchildren. At lower right, six-year-old Poo Caudill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Caudill of 645 37th avenue, plays with her special goldfish pets which live in the Oriental pool in her back yard. Cats also like goldfish, but more





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as their main friends. Although Miss Alma, right, the pet of Miss Shirley Beneke of 101 Saxon avenue, Capitola, and other cats are threats to fish, most fish are killed by their owners, either by neglect, overfeeding or containers which are too small.

