



## Fun fish facts

- Fish have been around for more than 450 million years.
- **HOW MANY?** There are over 25,000 different kinds of fish.
- There are more species of fish than all of the other species of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals combined.
- Fish have an excellent sense of sight, touch and taste. Many of them also have a good sense of smell and hearing.
- **OUCH!** Fish feel pain and suffer stress just like other animals and birds.
- Tropical fish need to be kept in an aquarium with a filter to keep the water clean. Some tropical fish need heated water and lights.
- Fish, like other pets, depend on their owners for food, protection and shelter.

**FLYING FISH!** Some species of fish can fly (glide) others can skip along the surface and others can even climb rocks!

**The largest goldfish can be 30 to 40 centimetres in size and about 3 kg in weight!**

- There are hundreds of different kinds of fish that can be kept as pets. Goldfish are the most common though because they live in cold water.

### A little more about goldfish

- **HOW LONG?** A goldfish can live up to 40 years.

- The average lifespan of a goldfish is about 5 to 10 years.
- **FEELING HUNGRY?** A goldfish's diet includes plankton, insects, detritus, larvae, worms, lettuce, plants, peas, tiny mammals, small birds, amphibians and reptiles.

- Goldfish need lots of room and should never be kept in small bowls.

**There are more than 500 species of goldfish in the world.**

