



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.

