

Husbandry sheet general

Animal's Name	
Date	
Species	
Sex (if known)	
Age (if known)	
Your name and contact details Please include your name, address and a contact telephone number. Optionally, any alternative telephone numbers and email	

- All questions are of course optional, but the more (and more accurate) information available the better the case can be assessed.
- Please answer questions as fully and accurately as possible - the vet may wish to discuss these in more detail. Exact dimensions are not critical but a good idea is necessary for proper assessment!
- Also please note this sheet is for the **general long-term husbandry of your animal!**; if you have changed it in response to the specific problem you are presenting your pet for, please note that separately on the history form. However, if anything has changed significantly recently (up to a year before the current problem started) please note that with approximate dates in the appropriate section.
- As this is a general form, please note some questions may not be appropriate to your particular pet/setup. For aquatic species please see the appropriate (outdoor or indoor) tank environment sheet.
- If submitting by email, please feel free to submit pictures of your pet's set-up - these can be very helpful. Particularly for ponds!

Please note that information and/or images you submit will be kept with the clinical records at HerpVet Services; by submitting this form and any images you agree to this. See <http://www.herpvet.co.uk/privacypolicy.html> for more details, or discuss any concerns with the vet.

1 Pond/Enclosure Location

Thinking of your pet's enclosure/pond location:

1.1 Approximately how much sun does the pond get?	
1.2 Is there significant background lighting of the pond area?	
1.3.1 Can any predators (specifically herons, cats, smaller predators) get at the pond/fish?	
1.3.2 Does the pond get significant leaf fall	
1.3.3 Is the pond exposed to any possible runoff/toxic chemicals?	

2 Contents

Thinking of your pond itself:

2.1 Enclosure type (pond/artificial paddling pool/etc)	
2.2 What are the dimensions (length x width x height)? Please also note approximate depth of water (if variable, please specifically mention maximum depth)	
2.3 What sort of liner has it (rubber, concrete, moulded plastic etc)?	
2.4 Is there anything on the bottom of the tank, eg sand, gravel)	
2.5 What other furnishings are in the pond (hides, rocks, artificial plants, branches etc)?	
2.5.1 Are there any live plants in the pond? Please specify if possible	
2.6 What volume of water is in the pond?	
2.6.1 What water do you use (eg tap water, RO water) and how (if any) is it treated before use?	
2.6.2 How often and how much (approx percentage) do you change the water?	
2.6.3 What sort of filter system(s) are present? How long have they been operating?	
2.6.4 What maintenance do you carry out on the filter system, and how frequently?	
2.6.7 What aeration is provided?	
2.7 Do you check water quality?	
2.7.1 How often do you check water quality?	
2.7.2 What parameters do you check (eg pH, nitrite, nitrate etc)	
2.7.3 What sort of test do you use (eg strips, liquid test, spectrophotometer)? Do you store them as directed?	
	Is there any artificial heating or lighting present in/on the pond?
2.8.1 Heating/lighting 1	
2.8.2 Heating/lighting 2	
2.10 Please list species and	

approximate numbers and size of fish in the pond	
2.10.1 Are there any wild vertebrates (eg frogs, toads, newts, grass snakes etc) in the pond, either regularly or occasionally? If unknown, please note whether they have access	
2.10.2 Are there large numbers of invertebrates (insects, snails etc) in the pond?	

3.0 Feeding

3.1 What do you feed the animal (in approximately what mix if appropriate)? Do you feed one brand of food or a variety?	
3.2 How often and approximately how much do you feed the animal?	
3.3 Do you use any vitamin/mineral supplements, and how frequently?	
3.4 Do you seal the food container between feedings? How is it stored? How long does a single container of food last?	
3.5 Has the diet been significantly different in the past? If so how?	

4.0 Behaviour/Handling

4.1 Please note if your fish have specific daily patterns of behaviour (eg always on bottom in middle of day in hot weather)	
4.2 Please note if your fish are tame (eg come for hand feeding)	