

Kuda Seahorse

Hippocampus kuda



Tropical Marine

The Kuda Seahorse (*Hippocampus kuda*) is a tropical marine fish that requires a **temperature range of 24°C - 27°C** and a **pH of 8.2**.

Water Conditions

Seawater or artificial seawater is required at a specific gravity of 1.015 – 1.020. Seahorses are very sensitive to rapid changes in salinity so it is important to check the specific gravity of the tank and transport water and to acclimatise them very slowly if the salinities are very different.

Feeding

Kuda Seahorses have been reared on frozen brine shrimp, frozen mysis shrimp and krill and ideally should be fed small quantities of these foods throughout the day, if this is not possible feed them at least twice per day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon/evening. In summer months they need to be fed slightly more, remove any uneaten food to prevent pollution.

Tank Size

The minimum tank size should be 60 litres, this will safely house 2 adult (12cm) Kuda Seahorses.

Compatibility

Suitable tank mates include other Kuda Seahorses, pipefish and slow moving invertebrates such as sea urchins, starfish, shrimp and cleaning crabs. Seahorses should not be kept with active fish as tankmates. This is due to the fact that they cannot compete with the fast moving fish for food.

Additional requirements

Seahorses need objects in the tank that they can attach themselves to with their prehensile tails, artificial plants, smooth rocks and artificial branching coral are ideal; avoid live corals and sharp rocks as these can injure the seahorses.