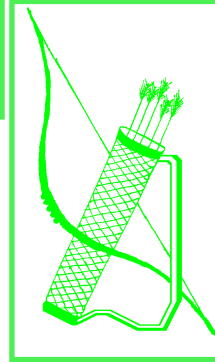


Robin Hood Aquarists

Founded 1992

This booklet contains full details of our Code of Practice and Terms and Conditions for the purchase of items at auctions that we hold.



Page 2 contain our **General Terms and Conditions of sale**.

Page 3 contains a **Glossary of Terms** used during our auctions.

Page 4 **Useful Tips** and information with regard to buying and selling at auctions and shops.

Buyers:

We will NOT sell any livestock that needs to be kept in warm conditions if you are not in possession of a thermal box with a lid or a sealable thermal bag, so you will not be able to bid on such items. We do not want to see bags of fish placed on floors or chairs and reserve the right to refuse sale if we think you do not have adequate storage for the fish, if you run short of space please speak to a member of the club/auction team and we will do our best to help, boxes are sold at regular intervals throughout the day so there should be no excuse for mistreating the livestock in this way

FISH WELFARE IS OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY.

To ensure the highest standards of care, you must ensure your purchased are treated correctly while in the sale room (tropical fish temps maintains by use of appropriate packaging, cold water not mixed with tropicals etc. We can & will refuse sale if we think this is not being met!

A Guide to Bidding at an Auction

1. If you wish to bid for an item please hold your bidding card up high so that the auction team can see you clearly. A nod or a wink or a slight of hand movement can be missed this will be deemed as no fault of the auction team. It is your responsibility to ensure we see you bid.
2. Set yourself a limit that you wish to pay for an item and withdraw your hand when your limit is reached. You have a better chance of being seen if you keep your hand up constantly instead up and down!
3. There is no requirement to register to make a bid all you need is a free bidding number card.
4. Items will be offered for sale at a minimum bid of £1 & will go up in increments 50 pence between £1 & £10; £1 between £10 & £20 and £2 between £20 and £30. This is subject to the discretion of the auctioneer and other increments may be initiated where the auctioneer considers fitting. There is no commission charged to buyers so the price you bid is the price you pay!
5. If you submit the successful winning bid you may be offered additional identical items for the same price, before they are offered to the other bidders. If you are the highest losing bidder (under-bidder) & there are still identical items for sale after the winning bidder has finished purchasing please make yourself known to the auctioneer immediately & you may have the chance to buy the remaining identical items.

Glossary of Terms

Here is a list of some of the terms you may hear used during the auction and a brief explanation as to their meanings: -

Pair

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and one female fish.

Breeding Pair

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and one female fish that have bred together.

Trio

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and two female fish.

Inverse trio

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as two male and one female fish.

Spares or Repairs

Usually attributed to electrical or mechanical equipment that the seller cannot guarantee is in a fully functioning condition at the point of sale.

Guaranteed in Working Order, Name & Telephone Number Supplied

This is attributed to a fully functioning electrical or mechanical piece of equipment that was tested by the seller and was working at the point of sale and will work when you get it home. After this point, the guarantee expires. The name of the seller will be announced prior to the commencement of each lot, as it comes up for sale. It will be the responsibility of the buyer to make note of the name of sellers of any equipment purchased.

(Any recourse is to be made direct with the seller and **NOT** Robin Hood Aquarists)

These rules are designed to maintain the highest levels of care for the fish being sold.

By purchasing fish into our auction for sale, you agree to comply by them, many thanks.

Buying fish from an auction or shop:

1. You **MUST** be in possession of a polystyrene box with a lid or a sealable thermal bag for us to be able to sell fish to you.
2. In an ideal world you will prepare yourself in advance and have a tank set up with nothing in it but mature aquarium water so that you can quarantine them before introducing new stock into your aquarium.
3. Make sure that the fish you want to buy are compatible with the original occupants of your home aquarium(s).
(At this auction, the auctioneer will normally tell you if the fish are 'species', 'community' or other descriptions. if you are not sure please ask BEFORE you buy.)
4. Please make yourself aware of the needs of any new species you are considering to keep.
(Water conditions, tank décor, dietary requirements etc.)
5. Don't forget attitude! (Of any new species)

Taking fish home from an auction or shop:

1. Always transport tropical fish in a polystyrene box with a lid.
2. Place a bag of warm water in the box of tropical fish to help maintain temperature.
4. On arrival home float the bag into the aquarium they are to live in.
(This will equalise the temperature between the fish and the aquarium.)
5. After a few minutes make a small hole in the bag and allow a small amount of aquarium water to enter the bag.
(This will help to equalise minor differences between the water they are in and the water they are going to live in.)
6. Repeat step 5 every few minutes over a period of time say about an hour or so.
(This procedure reduces shock between any minor differences in the water.)

**Our next auction will be
held here on:**