

Page rules - updated 03/08/2020

About us:

The Waikato Aquarium Society is an FNZAS affiliated club for fish keepers in Waikato, New Zealand.

We are a friendly group of people of all ages that enjoy fish keeping, and use this group to promote good fish husbandry. We have a face to face meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the Waikato Commerce Club.

We often have a sales table and a huge library if you need to read up on anything.

There are regular social events, and visits to members homes to view their aquariums and ponds. There are trophies to be won with in the club for best tank and other categories.

As we're affiliated to the FNZAS we participate in all national competitions as well.

If you are interested in becoming a financial member to participate in these events, please check the "files" section of this page for the membership form and email it to waikatoaquariumsociety@gmail.com

Our Facebook presence:

The Admins for this page are:

- Paul Willard
- Gareth Lusty
- Timothy Brewerton
- Nicole Marie Breen (Nicole Figgins)
- Gareth Lusty
- Adam Crawforth
- Bipin Bopana

Welcome to the group everyone! Let's all share info and knowledge about fish keeping and try to be mature adults, being supportive and respectful. If you have any concerns please contact one of our admins.

We do NOT allow: bashing, negativity, instigating drama, unsupportive or otherwise rude comments (no matter how true they might be), or posts bashing the group or admin team. If you have a problem with a thread, please REPORT IT or PM an admin, DO NOT make rude or negative comments. Do NOT private message group members to insult them. If you feel like someone is sharing misinformation about an aspect of our hobby, then word a response politely and offer the correct information.

If you do not follow the rules you may be deleted without warning/another word. Admins at times may turn off commenting on posts. If a post is considered to be breaking the rules, it will be deleted.

Keeping fish is the kind of hobby where there is no one "right" way to do everything. In many cases there is a strong logical reason to do something, but some of the time people

will be subjective as to why they do something a particular way. Any and all opinions posted on this page are personal and do not always reflect the best practice for keeping fish healthy and well. Take advice and opinions at your own risk. Please do your reading and make an informed decision.

Our Admins are happy to help and are supportive of the group, but they do have their own personal lives outside of this page. Please be assured that if you message an admin, they will get back to you and try to help. It may not happen straight away but it will happen as soon as possible.

Notes about selling on this page:

Facebook has banned the sale of live animals by individuals since 2017. While we are not “officially” a Buy and Sell group, we will be enforcing the policies. Recently there have been a large number of groups getting warned or removed for content that violates the commerce policy. To protect our club and our internet presence, the admins will be enforcing the rules for the sale of live animals. *We have linked to the relevant Facebook policies at the end of the document.*

Live animal sales:

There will be NO live animal posts allowed directly to the group. If you wish to share your hobby and the fish you have put great effort and care into producing, these are the options we can allow:

- You can share a public post from your own timeline to the group, commenting on the shared post (and therefore our page) is not permitted. You can click through to the original post or contact via PM. Admins may remove and turn off commenting on posts to keep any trades/sales off of the page.
- You can post externally through TradeMe, the FNZAS forums or another external site (like the recently launched somethingfishy.co.nz or a personal website) and create a post linking to there. Again, commenting on the shared post (and therefore our page) is not permitted.
- You can attend one of our monthly meetings to trade in person with like-minded hobbyists - we even hold auction nights.
- Please keep any dealings off the page - we recommend using private messages through Facebook’s Messenger and will remove comments/posts in breach.
- Be sure to protect yourself when dealing with buying or selling online. Facebook has tips for safe buying/selling and they are linked below.

General sales:

- The same rules will be applied to retailers - no direct posts advertising the sale of live animals.
- Businesses may from time to time post promotions, specials or links to their Facebook page or Website, but are not to flood the group with goods for sale. If you are unsure PM Admin for advice.
- There are also people who own or work for retailers who may post as themselves (not as the business). If you are in this category and want to sell on this page please

inform the buyers that you are a store, not a hobbyist when selling retail stock and supplies.

- If trading, exchanging or selling, once the sale has been completed the originator is to remove the post.
- If selling multiple items please list in one post. Members flooding the page with multiple sales posts will be contacted by an Admin.
- Any trader caught On-trading for personal gain will be removed.

Facebook Rules:

https://www.facebook.com/policies/commerce/prohibited_content/animals

6. Animals

Policy

Posts may not promote the sale of any animals.

Examples

- ✔ Animal cages
- ✔ Products for animals (toys, collars, etc.)
- ✔ Veterinary services
- ✔ Grooming services
- ✔ Boarding services
- ✘ Live animals
- ✘ Pets
- ✘ Livestock
- ✘ Any part, pelt or skin from an animal, including fur

<https://www.facebook.com/help/130910837313345?helpref=search&sr=11&query=sell>

- **Animal for sale:** Selling animals isn't allowed on Marketplace or buy and sell groups. This includes posting about animals for adoption. Keep in mind that it's okay to create a News Feed post or an ad about selling an animal.

https://www.facebook.com/help/1156544111079919?helpref=uf_permalink

How can I stay safe on Marketplace?

Sharing posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/help/170116376402147?helpref=search&sr=14&query=share%20post>

<https://www.facebook.com/help/233739099984085?helpref=search&sr=15&query=share%20public%20post>