

GUPPY BRIEFS #18

Instant Babies (Quick Births through A Water Change)

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Have you ever notice that sometimes when you do a water change on your tank of guppies, that the next day you might see babies in the tank ??? This occurrence is not a coincidence. If you have female guppies that are close to delivering their young, a water change prompts them along quickly.

So when doing a water change I always make sure that the temperature of the water that is being put into the tank of guppies is very close in temperature. Now if I see that there are a few tanks that have females that are almost ready to have their young, I then perform a water change where the water is about 3 degrees warmer than the temperature of the tanks. I then prepare several plastic 2 gallon tanks with water from that tank and gently place that female in the plastic tank in the breeding trap/basket.

Sometimes within an hour she will start to have young. If you harass the female too much while trying to catch her she will abort a lot of eggs.... ??? That is why some breeders don't like to move the expecting female guppy.

If you do not feel comfortable moving the female, then provide a lot of hiding places for the newly born guppies through plastic or live plants or stretched out plastic scouring pads (Tuffies), etc. Perhaps even remove the other guppies ?

