# **GUPPY BRIEFS #15**

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## Everything you wanted to know about guppies but was afraid to ask

#### HARDEST COLOR STRAINS TO WORK WITH FOR BEGINNERS

COLOR STRAIN	DEGREE OF HARDNESS FOR BEGINNERS	BEST OF SHOW POTENTIAL	# OF COLOR LINES NEEDED	MOST COMPETITIVE CLASSES
RED	2	5	2	5
BLUE	2**	5	1	5
BLACK	2	2	1	3
GREEN	2**	5	1	5
MULTI	3	2	1	3
AOC	2	3	1	3
YELLOW	5 (Keeping the yellow)	1	1	2
PURPLE	2**	5	1*	4
ALBINO(RED)	3	5	2	4
ALBINO(AOC)	3	5	1	3
BRONZE	<b>4</b> (Keeping the bronze etchings)	2	1	3
GOLD	3	1	1	2
HALF BLACK GREEN	3	3	2	3
HALF BLACK RED	<ul> <li>4 (Keeping the Black out of the caudal)</li> </ul>	5	2*	4
HALF BLACK BLUE	3	5	1*	4
HALF BLACK PASTEL	3	5	1*	4
HALF BLACK AOC	<ul><li>3 (matching the caudal to dorsal pattern)</li></ul>	5	1	5
HALF BLACK YELLOW	<b>4</b> (Keeping the yellow)	5	2*	4

HALF BLACK PURPLE	3	3	2*	3
RED BICOLOR	2	2	1	3
BLUE/GREEN BICOLOR	2	2	1	3
AOC BICOLOR	2	2	1	3
SNAKESKIN SOLID	3	3	1	2
SNAKESKIN VARIEGATED	2	3	1	3
SINGLE SWORDTAIL	3 (you have to raise too many to get so few good swordtails)	1	1	3
DOUBLE SWORDTAIL	3 (you have to raise too many to get so few good swordtails)	1	1	2
VEIL-TAIL-STRAINS	2	1	1	2
	Additional lines to keep color intact			
* AOC(WHITE)	Used to lighten up the color			
* GOLD RED OR ALBINO	Used to lighten up the color			
* HB PASTEL	Used to lighten up the color			
* RED	Used to darken up the color			
** Blue/Green/Purple crosses	Used to correct the color			
GREEN	Used to improve size and shape			
Chart 7	5 being the hardest	5 being the best		5 being the most