



GOING GLOBAL

Fishy Business

Plants and cycling, move aside. There's a new trend in town: *ikan cupang*.

Cupang, or betta fish, has long been a popular pet fish in Indonesia. Many in the country keep them for decorative purposes, while some less responsible would raise males as fighting fish for gambling, as the species is known to be aggressive and territorial. Which is why PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) say they are not 'starter pets'.

Bettas are carnivorous animals who eat mostly insects and insect larvae. Plant roots aren't adequate food. They can experience frustration, depression and stress - especially when their fins are picked at. Interestingly, due to their inquisitive nature, they can recognise their guardians.

A typical betta in captivity lives a short 3-5 years, costing as low as 50 cents to a record US\$ 1,530.

If you do have one (or more), head to <http://tiny.cc/wtcbetta> for a quick survey so we can connect you to fellow betta collectors at the WTC Complex. And tag @wtc.jakarta on Instagram your best betta photos for a repost.

Yours trully,
the community editor

