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Name: - Aequidens Stalsbergi

Family: - Cichlidae

Origin: - Peru to Ecuador.

Size: - 24cms Male 18cm Female



These Fish should not be confused with the Aequidens Rivulatus, The “Green Terror” has vertical lines in the scale pattern and a white/gold edging to the fins.

Sexing: As with most cichlids, Venting is the most reliable method for sexing when young, the males will develop a nautical hump from around a year old.

Water conditions:

Temp 20-24C

dH 5-12

PH 6.5-8.0

Breeding: Green terrors are sexually mature at 10cm (males, 8cm females), although spawning below these sizes is possible, very few eggs hatch.

The Green terror cichlid will need to be given suitable breeding sites in the tank, such as flat rocks. The pair will then carefully clean the site before any breeding takes place. The female Green terror can deposit up to 300-400 eggs on the flat rock, and some females will even produce more than 600 eggs each spawning.

Do not separate the parents from the eggs or larvae, since Green terror cichlids are great parents, but also very protective for this reason a separate tank is advisable.

The eggs hatch after 3-4 days and the adult cichlids will continue to guard and care for the larvae, the parents will normally move the fry into pits in the substrate. At this stage, the larvae can be fed crushed flakes. After 9-12 days, the fry are big enough to be free swimming. They are highly sensitive to poor water conditions and can easily succumb if you refrain from regular water

changes. Free swimming fry will eat brine shrimp or fine fry powder. When the fry have reached a length of 2cm, they will typically experience a growth spurt and rapidly grow bigger.

To have a larger brood, once the pair start to clean a rock, separating the male and female with a divider for 3-5 days, increasing the temp by 5-7C performing a 50% water change and feeding of live food (such as bloodworm)

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