

STINGGRAYS



If you're interested in keeping freshwater stingrays, here are some great tips and products that I recommend to get you started. Each of these products should allow a seamless and enjoyable experience when keeping these fascinating creatures.

All mentioned products are available at Aquarium Spare Parts. For more informative guides see Blake's Aquatics on YouTube.

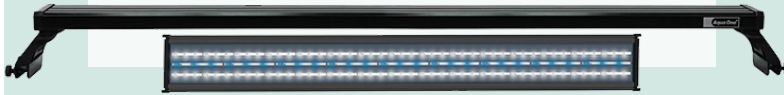


Although **freshwater stingrays** are closely related to sharks, they are not nearly as aggressive.

1 Tanks & Lights

A **large tank** is an absolute must when keeping freshwater stingrays. Stingrays, especially females, are known to reach up to 90cm in diameter. For this I recommend at **minimum** a 6x3x2 foot tank. Because plants can't be grown with stingrays, there are no special **lighting** requirements, but EcoGlo is a cheap, reliable and adjustable option.

Product Spotlight:
Aqua One LED Reflector EcoGlo 29W 90cm



2 Water Filtration

Stingrays are quite sensitive to **water quality** and are heavy waste producers. They have an adapted osmoregulatory system which means they cannot retain urea as well as most other freshwater fish. I recommend getting one or two of the biggest **canister filters** possible to help maintain a healthy water cycle.

Product Spotlight:
Aqua One Nautilus 2700UV Canister Filter



3 Keep them safe!

When keeping freshwater stingray, it is more important to provide a **safe and habitable** environment for them through regular water changes and heavy filtration rather than targeting a specific pH or temperature value. If using substrate, non-invasive methods of **cleaning** such as Gravel Vacs are a great option to consider.

Product Spotlight:
Fluval Gravel Vac Multi-Substrate Cleaner



4 Heaters

Freshwater stingrays have sensitive soft **underbellies** and are quite active, so it is recommended to have no ornaments, decorations or rough substrate that can irritate or damage them. It is also best to use a **protected heater** to avoid any contact or injury that may occur.

Product Spotlight:
AquaZonic LED Display Aquarium Heater 500W



5 Nutrition

For food, I suggest starting with the Hikari Sinking Carnivore **pellets**. Keep in mind that some stingray may find it difficult to eat pellets and will only accept live and **frozen foods** such as bloodworms and blackworms.

Product Spotlight:
Hikari Carnivore Sinking Pellets 74gm



Ask Blake!

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? Don't mix!

Be careful when deciding on tank mates for freshwater stingrays. They can be opportunistic feeders and will eat anything that can fit in their mouth. They can also be prone to bullying from other fish, so it is best to not house them with anything too **aggressive**.