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## sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/06/30 23:28

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hi everyone,just came home from work to find one of my apistos sitting in the corner of the tank,his eyes are all swelled and cloudy,he doesnt appear to be any different than usual,other than this,just not moving around,i've removed him from the tank and placed him in a bucket with a heater and air stone running  
is this the right thing to do or should i leave him in the tank,all the water readings in the tank are fine and all the other fish are fine,he was fine this morning when i went to work

HELP PLEASE

Paul

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/01 00:52

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Hi Paul

Sorry to hear about your apisto. lovely looking fishes... anyhow it sounds like its popeye to me  
Pop eye is an infection that can have a few causes such as bacteria, Poor water quality, injury, poor nutrition, tumors, vitamin deficiently. The symptoms are quite clear Eye or eyes protrude from head, cloudy eyes from bacteria infection.  
Treatment:Generally hard to treat, u may try a broad spectrum antibiotic.  
or it could also be these

Cataracts

Symptoms: White or gray material covering the eyes only.

Treatment: As far as I know, the only treatment specifically designed for this ailment is Eye Fungex by Aquatronics. In the process, special attention should be made to assure that ammonia and nitrite levels stay within accepted measures.

Information: Cataracts are fungal growths on the eyes. Treatment with any aquarium fungicide should work. Its probability increases with water rich in ammonia or nitrates.

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Corneibacteriosis

Symptoms: Bulging eyes

Treatment: There are a few commercially available products which treat corneibacteriosis. Penicillin and tetracycline are among them.

Information: Corneibacteria causes swelling in the head which will push the eyes outward. It is caused by overcrowding and water of poor quality, having an excess of ammonia and / or nitrites.

Here are a few links on diseases and possible treatments.. hope it helps

Seamus

<http://fish.orbust.net/fish-disease.html>  
<http://www.versaquatics.com/freshwaterdiseasecharts.htm>  
<http://www.tropicalfishcentre.co.uk/Diseases1.htm>

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

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Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/01 00:54

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forgot to say do a water change in case its the water quality problem and make sure you treat it before its added to the tank  
Seamus

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/01 01:10

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cheers seamus,just done about 30% water change,do you think i should put him back in the tank again,i think i probably shouldn't have taken him out in the first place,just started cycling my old two foot tank yesterday out in the shed,dont think it'd be ready to put fish in yet

Thanks

Paul

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/01 01:22

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Just in case it's anything contagious i'd keep him seperated at least a fortnight, anyway being alone will help his recovery and aid treatment with a general antibiotic (if you have carbon in your filter remove it as it can neutralise treatments) but just keep an eye on the levels of nitrate etc.  
Seamus

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/01 01:31

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cheers seamus,he's in a bucket at the minute with no filter,just an air stone,i'll test the water in my old tank tomorrow,if its ok i'll put him in there for a couple of weeks  
Thanks again seamus

Paul

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/01 22:31

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hey seamus,put the apisto back in the tank last night,my other tank still isn't ready for fish,was going to try and get antibiotics today but when i got up this morning he was dead in the bottom of the tank,the water is fine and everything,all the other fish are perfect,just have to put it down to bad luck,still,it gives me a reason to call back out to peter and gavin again,see if they have anything nice

Thanks again for all your help

Paul

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/01 23:26

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Hi Paul, thats a pity about the apisto but in cases like that its v hard to cure them, Gavin and Peter have moved fish to their new premises, which they are hoping to open Sunday or Monday, its on William Street west, off Sea Road, next door to Massimos pub... lovely premises and promises to be better than before  
Seamus

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### Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/01 23:57

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Ya,i was chatting to them at the last meeting,they sorted me out with a problem i was having with my new filter,they were saying they were hoping to be in there today,i think they were talking about having the next meeting in there,sounds like it'll be a nice shop

Cheers

Paul

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### Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by Daragh\_Owens - 2008/07/02 00:55

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Sorry to hear about your apisto, they are a fairly delicate fish and once they go down like that I have rarely seen them recover. The male hongslou in my avatar at the moment checked out today. He had similar symptoms to yours last night and was dead this evening. He had just fathered his second brood unfortunately the mother (or someone else) ate the first brood and this time I got 4 out with a turkey baster, that mush have frightened her and she promptly turned around and snapped up the rest, but at least I still have the 4 fry.

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### Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/02 12:52

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Sorry to hear that Daragh, looks like a beautiful fish at least with 4 fry you should hopefully have at least a male in there for the future

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### Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/02 18:36

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beautiful looking fish daragh,you must have a great camera,i cant get pictures like that with mine,i still have a beautiful pair of agassizzi,havn't seen the female coming out of her cave in the last three days,hopefully their'll be a few fry when she does come out,i have them about a month longer than the cockatoos,gonna get another one at the weekend if they still have them,he was my favourite fish

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### Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by sheag35 - 2008/07/03 03:18

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when i was up on sunday he still had a few.. give gavin a call and he'll hold some for you  
Seamus

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## Re:sick cockatoo apisto

Posted by PAULHARTE25 - 2008/07/03 14:19

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cheers seamus,was on to peter last night,he's keeping some for me

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