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Fish as prizes

We do not condone the use of fish such as goldfish as prizes at places like fairs.

Fish are living creatures so anyone who wants to take on the responsibility of a pet should do so after careful consideration and research before the animal comes home. They should not be an 'impulse' acquisition.

In the past we have received complaints from retailers following fairs and other shows offering live fish. Local retailers have, in some cases, been inundated by members of the public wishing to know what should be done with the fish they have won.

And any business offering fish to the public by way of trade, whether that's in a pet shop, garden centre or fairground, should at least meet the conditions applied by the local council to pet shops in that area, such as stocking, holding and water quality criteria. We cannot see how these conditions can be achieved in a fairground situation. We would also expect councils to hold fairgrounds to the same standards they apply to retail shops supplying fish.

Fish are vertebrate animals which mean they have the same protection for cruelty as other animals like dogs and cats.

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