

The Federation of British Aquatic Societies' annual Festival of Fishkeeping, set to take place at the Hounslow Urban Farm over the weekend of 3rd & 4th October 2015, has a long tradition of presenting all that's best in the practical side of fishkeeping but with an ever-changing presentation. The fact that the Festival has been presented for so many years in so many ways shows just how much there is to learn and enjoy about this wonderful hobby.

Basically, everyone likes showing off and the two days in October will give ample opportunity for not only proud fishkeepers to do just that but also hundreds of other fishkeeping visitors to marvel at how they do it.

Each day will provide a showcase for show-winning fishes – either singly, in pairs, breeders teams or as collections in superbly furnished aquariums. On hand will be experts from the aquatic Trade to show what's new and also to offer advice and guidance about any fishkeeping question you care to throw at them.

Must See Highlights

Fishkeeping exhibitors can flex their muscles in three main competitions on Saturday:

The **British Open** in the place to see all the 'Best in Show' winners from 2015 competing for top spot. **The Festival AS Open Show, sponsored by FLUVAL**, is the last chance saloon to get your hands on a Show Trophy for 2015, whilst the **Diamond Class Final** features winning fish from Societies' choice of Classes in 2015.

Sunday brings the real excitement with all the best of the best battling it out in three more high-class competitions.

The **FBAS SUPREME FINAL** is the equivalent of the Grand Champion finals found in almost every other pet-related Shows and winning this is considered the ultimate achievement amongst fishkeepers.

Whilst every fish exhibited at the Festival is clearly a testament to its owner's fishkeeping skills, entries in the **Supreme Pairs and Supreme Breeders** categories reflect a more complete achievement.

The challenge appears simple - just pick your pair of fishes and then breed from them — except that it's often more difficult than that and you could be surprised as to how many species can be bred.

Away from the competitive areas, there will be plenty of fish-related things to see. Amongst the planned attractions (so far) will be:



Aquatic Equipment & Advice



Reptile Display













plus

Home Bred Fish Sales

Japanese Koi Sales & Display

Advice & Information

Special Show Offers

Fish Tanks – Fish Stands – Ex-Display Equipment for sale Fully Furnished ex-Display Tanks & Pond Equipment for sale*

* To be collected at the conclusion of the Festival, or delivered locally for a nominal charge, please ask for details

No, we haven't forgotten the Kids

Kids will probably get enough fish information at home so why not expand their animal horizons at the Urban Farm? Here are some ideas:

Free Children's Face Painting Children's Colouring Corner Children's Bouncy Castles Children's Tractors Farm Tours
Pony Rides
Farm Animals
Animal Encounters

And finally, for all ages:

Cafeteria BBQ

FESTIVAL FACTS

When? 3rd & 4th October 2015

Where? Hounslow Urban Farm, Faggs Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 0LZ

www.hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk

Admission prices:

Adult £7.50 Children (over 2 years) £6.00 Children (under 2 years) FREE

Family Ticket 2 Adults & 2 children £24

More Information: Hounslow Urban Farm is situated on Faggs Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 0LZ www.hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk Please contact the Festival Organiser on 0208 847 3586 or by email

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