DIAGNOSTIC SHEET

If you are unwell your doctor is unlikely to diagnose the problem over the telephone - either you go to him or he comes to you.

Whilst we will attempt to answer your queries regarding fish that are either ill, or acting in a strange manner, we are sure you realise it is not easy to suggest an answer without seeing the creature.

SO PLEASE GIVE US AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN

AQUARIUMS

1) What species is the fish, or if it is a Goldfish what variety?
2) How old is the fish or how long have you kept it?
3) How big is it from the front of the head to base of the tail in inches or centimetres?
4) How large is the Aquarium? Has it got a substrate and if so what?
5) Is it planted and if so with what type of plants?
6) Do you use filtration if so what type and how often do you service it?
7) What other fish are kept with?
8) Your normal fish feeding routine (type of food and frequency of feeding)
PONDS
Please answer 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 above plus the following.
a) How many gallons does the pond hold? (61/4 galls = a cubic foot)
b) What is its construction (liner, pre-formed, concrete, in-ground, raised etc)?
c) How old is the pond? When was it last cleaned out?
d) If it is filtered, describe the system
Do you use an Ultra-violet filter system? How old is the UV lamp?
Please refer to Pond Care Sheet No 4 for Filtration explanations