

I've used blogs before when I was breeding livebearers...hybrids actually, trying to improve certain traits. I fell out of the habit so perhaps this will help me remember. I've recently joined the Kansas City fish club. I've had fish since I was 6 (I'm currently 14), but I started keeping/breeding fish as a serious hobby about a year and a half earlier. My current tank contains: 3 anubias, well-developed wisteria plants (which I'm debating replacing because it looks a bit too much like a jungle for my tastes though recently I trimmed most of the unkempt features off and it has improved), seven molly-guppy hybrids, a mated pair of angelfish, 4 yo-yo loaches, 3 clown loaches (still pretty young) from Sumatra, 2 dojo loaches that spawned in the fall though unfortunately I could not get the eggs to hatch(my theory is that they spawn in top-plants when a lot of fresh air is circulated near the tank, though others claim they scatter eggs on the ground, mine never did), an Indawgwi stream catfish(Akysis prashadi), a red eye tetra, and a red-tailed shark. Rocks from Jack's Fork and Current river along with a bit of red slate carve out many hiding places. The tank is 125 gallons. I keep the temperature at 79 degrees, the filter is a Rena Filstar xP3. I keep the pH neutral and have two lightbulbs which are 18k aqua-glow that I leave on around 12 hours a day. My fish are fed on frozen bloodworms, frozen shrimp, freeze-dried shrimp & bloodworms, shrimp pellets, two different kinds of algae wafers (one is Hikari, the other Wardley), the occasional treat of cucumber or zucchini, and rarely Omega One. The floor of my tank is gravel and was started in October 2008. I'm beginning to breed angelfish. Soon I will also be breeding Red Lizardtail Whiptails, Discus, various Dwarf Cichlids, and possibly a few others along the way. (I'm a dork enough to have made a list.) I do many other things besides keep fish, but it does seem to be an addicting hobby for me