

DRAS Monthly Auction Rules

75/25 Split, No Reserve Fish, Plants, Aquatic Animals and Dry Goods Auction



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1. Registration

- 1.1 Registration forms will be available from the Secretary, Treasurer, or online at DRAS.ca.
- 1.2 The Seller is to use their initials (e.g. – John Smith = JS) as their lot identification.
- 1.3 Sellers are limited to one lot of no more than 20 items.
- 1.4 Reserve or minimum bids are not allowed.
- 1.5 Seller's Auction Registration Forms (inclusive of the item listing) must be received by the Secretary or Treasurer prior to the beginning of the auction segment of the meeting.

2. General Auction Rules

- 2.1 Any person may bring exotic fish, other aquatic animals, aquatic plants and/or dry goods to be auctioned.
- 2.2 Membership in DRAS is not required for the first and second months items are entered in the auction. Individuals must be DRAS members for any subsequent participation in the auction (either as a buyer or seller) in the subsequent ten months.
- 2.3 All sales are on a cash basis. The buyer must pay the Secretary or Treasurer immediately after purchasing an item
- 2.4 The starting bid will be no lower than \$1.00 and may be higher at the discretion of the Auctioneer.

- 2.5 No item will sell for less than \$1.00.
- 2.6 The minimum bid increment will be \$1.00 or more at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- 2.7 Each item will be sold to highest bidder.
- 2.8 All items must be aquarium related and legal for sale.
- 2.9 Once an item is entered in the auction it cannot be removed by the seller.
- 2.10 Attendees may inspect items on the auction table(s), but may not remove items unless instructed to do so by any member of the DRAS Executive Committee.
- Bags may be lifted for inspection, but must be returned to the same table when done.
- 2.11 DRAS reserves the right to reject and/or remove any item that appears to be unsuitable for sale at the auction.
- 2.12 Prohibited Items
- Plants or Livestock prohibited by federal or provincial statutes
 - Native fish
 - Diseased fish
 - Deformed fish
 - Artificially dyed fish
 - Genetically modified fish (Glo-fish)
 - Tattooed fish
 - Opened or re-packaged food, medication or chemicals
 - Food, medication or chemicals past the expiry date
- 2.13 Bumping is allowed. Anyone can bump an item for priority auction for \$2.00 per item, and the item will be auctioned as soon as possible.
- 2.14 All items are sold "*as is, where is*" with all faults, known and unknown. Buyers should inspect any items they are interested to their own satisfaction before purchase.
- 2.15 Once the Auctioneer announces an item sold, ownership immediately transfers to the winning bidder.
- 2.16 No refunds will be given for livestock under any circumstances.
- 2.17 Once purchased, buyers are responsible for the security of all items. DRAS will be not responsible for items once purchased.

- 2.18 Any items not sold and not claimed by 9:50 PM will become the property of the DRAS and disposed of at the discretion of the DRAS Executive Committee.
- 2.19 DRAS reserves the right to inspect bags and/or containers upon any attendee leaving auction.

3. Bagging

- 3.1 Proper bagging of fish, plants and aquatic animals is required.
- 3.2 All fish must be in leak proof containers which will be sold with the fish.
- 3.3 Bags or containers must be of proper size and design to contain the fish.
- 3.4 Live items must be properly bagged with sufficient air and water to ensure the health of the fish. (1/3 water, 2/3 air)
- 3.5 Large fish (such as large cichlids, large catfish or fish with spines) may be placed in large containers (with removable lids) if appropriate sized bags are not available.
- 3.6 Bag Buddies or Ammonia Sponges are acceptable, but fish must be visible.
- 3.7 Zip-Lock bags, bags sealed with twist-ties, and glass containers are not allowed. Any item in such a container must be re-bagged in accordance with DRAS auction requirements prior to being added to the auction table(s).
- 3.8 Should one or more of a seller's items be leaking, the seller will be asked to re-bag the item. Should the seller be unavailable or unwilling to do so, DRAS will re-bag the item and apply a \$2.00 charge for doing so.
- 3.9 No dead fish will be sold. Should one or more of a seller's bags contain dead fish, the seller will be asked to re-bag the fish. Should the seller be unavailable or unwilling to do so, DRAS will re-bag the remaining fish with the \$2.00 charge for re-bagging and an additional \$2.00 surcharge for disposal of the remains. This will apply on a per-bag basis.
- 3.10 Any charge, surcharge, or penalty applied will be deducted directly from any amount due to the seller.
- 3.11 All items must be labelled with;
- Lot and Item number
 - Common and scientific name of the species of fish or plant
 - Quantity in the bag
 - Sex if possible
 - Sellers may also wish to include additional information if the species is unusual or requires special care.

- 3.12 Aggressive fish should be bagged separately.
- 3.13 All auction items will be examined by members of the DRAS Executive Committee, who will have the authority to remove any item from the auction deemed unfit for sale. This may include, but is not limited to; dead fish, visible disease, deformity, native species, restricted or illegal species, and dyed or tattooed fish.

4. Dry Goods

- 4.1 “*Dry Goods*” are specifically understood to encompass; aquariums, stands, substrate, filters, heaters, canopies, light fixtures, associated aquarium equipment, décor, driftwood, books, magazines, food, medication and aquarium related chemicals.
- 4.2 All Dry Goods must be clearly marked as either Brand New in Packaging (BNIP) or Used. Any item not so marked – regardless of appearance – will be assumed and announced to be “*Used*”.
- 4.3 Used equipment **must** be clean and labelled to reflect working condition, any missing parts, broken parts, and known defects.

Any item not so marked – regardless of appearance – will be assumed and announced to be “*Suitable for parts only*”.
- 4.4 DRAS is not responsible for the condition of any *Dry Goods*, and no warranty or guarantee, implied or otherwise, exists.

5. Auction Payments

- 5.1 No seller will be paid out until the conclusion of the auction without the authorization of the Secretary or Treasurer.
- 5.2 Payments will be made to the registered seller only. Should the seller be unable to be present to receive payment, it will be sent via mail as outlined below.
- 5.3 Payments will be divided and paid as follows; 75% of the final selling price will be paid to the registered seller and 25% of the final selling price will be retained by DRAS. (e.g. – If an item is auctioned and sells for \$10.00, \$7.50 will be paid to the registered seller, and \$2.50 retained by DRAS.)
- 5.4 Should the seller be unable or unwilling to wait until the conclusion of the auction, payment will be remitted via cheque within 10 business days.

The cheque will be sent to the address as recorded on the Auction Registration Form.

A \$5.00 administration fee will be deducted from the total owed to the seller to cover administration and mailing costs.

- 5.5 Sellers will not be permitted to credit purchases against sales or sales against purchases.

6. Auctioneers

- 6.1 All sales are final and at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- 6.2 The Auctioneer will settle any disputes relating to bid.
- 6.3 The Auctioneer decision is final and absolute.
- 6.4 The Auctioneer is solely responsible for setting the starting bid and any subsequent bid increments.
- 6.5 An Auctioneer may enter one bid and one bid only on any item they are personally auctioning. They are not so constrained on items being offered for sale by any other Auctioneer, and are to be considered equivalent to any other individual in attendance.
- 6.6 Auctioneers have the right to be the first individuals cashed out at the conclusion of the Auction.

7. Tabs

- 7.1 Only individuals acting as Auctioneers, or other individuals so determined by and receiving approval from the Secretary or Treasurer, may run a tab.
- 7.2 Other than the Auctioneers, other individuals seeking to run a tab must receive permission from the Auction Chair *prior* to the beginning of the auction.
- 7.3 Tabs must be paid before leaving the monthly auction.

8. Rule Enforcement

- 8.1 All rules will be strictly enforced.
- 8.2 The DRAS Executive Committee shall have sole authority over the interpretation and enforcement of all rules.
- 8.3 The DRAS Executive Committee reserves the right to amend any and all of the above rules.

9. General Disclaimer

- 9.1 All persons attending DRAS monthly meetings do so at their own risk, and DRAS assumes no responsibility or liability for any items purchased or sold, any personal injury, or for any loss and/or damage incurred at or as a result of the auction.

10. General Information and Recommendations

- 10.1 The intent of DRAS is to provide an outlet for hobbyists' surplus. Individuals should not purchase fish expressly for resale at the auction.
- 10.2 Accurate and descriptive information may increase the price of a given item. As a general guideline, the following will provide such information to bidders;
- Pair** = A male and female of a given species
 - Mated Pair** = A *Pair* that has spawned successfully
 - Trio** = One male and two females of a given species
 - 1.2** = Alternative labelling for a *Trio*
 - Reverse Trio** = Two males and one female of a given species
 - 2.1** = Alternative labelling for a *Reverse Trio*
 - Colony** = A mix of males and females of a given species
 - 1.1.x** = A *Mated Pair* with offspring ("x" represents the number of offspring included)
- 10.3 Buyers must provide transportation of their own purchases. It is recommended that Styrofoam boxes be utilized to carry home purchases.
- 10.4 Please remember to properly acclimate your fish and plants when you get home. It is strongly recommended that all new fish be quarantined for a minimum of two weeks in a separate aquarium before introduction into any community or established aquarium.
- 10.5 Please be a responsible aquarist and never release any fish or aquatic plant into the wild.