



Highlights

IMPORTANT:

These highlights are the key terms & conditions.
Please ensure you read the [full terms & conditions](#)

- The **CDAS Inc. committee** reserves the right to **refuse ANY** auction lot.
- A commission (**10%**) will be deducted prior to receiving payment of **sold lots** (sponsors excluded)
- At the fall of the hammer the sale is final and immediate payment and collection is required.
- **CDAS Inc.** will do its utmost to make payment to sellers at the **conclusion** of the Auction (**unless otherwise agreed** at time of lot submission), however, **CDAS Inc.** reserves the right to make payments at the **next monthly meeting**.
- All bidders must **register on the day** and hold a **valid Bidders Card**.
- Bidding increments are as follows:
 - Under \$20 (\$1 increments)
 - \$20 to \$50 (\$2 increments)
 - \$50 to \$100 (\$5 increments)
 - Over \$100 (\$10 increments), or
 - at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- Only current financial members of CDAS, the club itself or members of affiliated aquarium societies may sell auction lots.
- Auction lots must be submitted via Email on the approved form no later than the 7 calendar days prior to the Auction date. **Incorrect** submissions will be **returned for amendment** and **late** submissions will be **ignored**.
- Sellers are responsible for **correct labelling** of lots.
- A maximum of five (5) lots of the same species or item may be registered per seller. Hardware (anything not a live fish or plant) is limited to **two (2)** lots per seller.
- Persons **under 16** years of age must be under direct **adult** supervision to bid on animals (livestock or invertebrates) *Refer ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013.*
- Lots that do not pass scrutineering will require remedy (e.g. incorrectly bagged livestock)
- Inspection of boxes or lots in the holding area is **forbidden** for anyone to without the express permission and supervision of a **CDAS Inc.** scrutineer.
- Passed in lots must be Collected by the seller at the conclusion of the auction.
- **CDAS Inc.** offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a **CDAS Inc.** auction.
- Sellers please read [Sellers – what happens next?](#) section.



Sellers – what happens next?

You will have been sent via email an Auction Registration form (spreadsheet). Complete the form detailing the items you wish to auction.

Each seller may only submit up to the maximum of their entitled allotment:

Membership Type	Number of lots
Regular/Family	15
Sponsor	50
Commercial (subject to committee approval)	30
Committee and volunteer members	20

Completed Registration forms must be submitted via Email (canberradas@gmail.com) no later than 7 calendar days **before** the Auction date. Shortly after you submit your form we will provide you with your Auction allocation statement and matching Lot labels via email.

Note:

You may not make additional labels to sell additional Lots that do not appear on your Lot Allocation statement.

If you require assistance with this process, please email us at canberradas@gmail.com.

Attaching your Auction lot labels

- Match your Lot label to your Allocation statement. (if there is an error contact canberradas@gmail.com)
- Print your Lot labels using either sticky labels or plain paper
 - **Recommended label sizes should be approximately 2"X 1.5" (50mm X 35mm).**
- Labels must be legible, if you are unsure use a BLUE or BLACK permanent marker and trace over the printed text.
- The Labels must be affixed on the top 1/3rd of the bag (or item). Securing the Bag or item must not cause the label to be:
 - Folded
 - Scrunched
 - Or Obscured
- Secure the correct Lot label to the correct Lot allocation
 - i.e. lot 123 on the auction allocation statement needs to be the same as lot 123 on the lot labels. Lots will be turned away for remedy if this is not the case.
- All labels must be covered in clear plastic tape (2 inch+ wide) in order to provide sufficient protection from water.

With the correctly printed and attached label you are ready to [bag your livestock](#)



How-to bag livestock

Tips

Livestock will need to be placed in bags prior to the commencement of the Auction. They will need to be transported to the Auction, remain in their bag for several hours while the Auction is completed, and then need to be transported home to their new location. This can be very stressful for livestock.

Sellers should allow 10-15 mins per Lot to: collect, bag, secure and pack your livestock. This time can be reduced by the following activities:

- If possible, isolate the livestock you plan to Auction several days before the event.
- Removing all plants and ornaments from the tank the night before.
- Secure the label to the bags prior to placing the Livestock into them (Refer to [Attaching your Auction lot labels](#)).
- Have a sturdy box or container ready to place the secured bags into
 - **CDAS Inc.** recommends the use of an Aquarium grade styrene box
 - If you would like your box back at the end of the auction, please mark it (and the lid) with your name and CDAS number.

To ensure you get the best possible price at Auction and the **health and condition** of the livestock there are several actions the seller should undertake:

- Perform a water change several days before.
- Ensure the livestock is in satisfactory condition for sale i.e. they are disease and deformity free. **CDAS Inc. will not accept lots in this condition**, and may refuse your entire allotment. Buyers have the right to expect that any livestock they buy will be in good condition.
- Avoid feeding your Livestock for 36-48 hours prior to bagging. This generally reduces the amount of waste that will accumulate in the bag reduces the ammonia levels in the bag.
- Do NOT use zip-lock bags for holding and transporting livestock (they are unreliable for holding water and air under pressure) **CDAS Inc. will not accept lots in this condition** and you will be asked to re-bag your lots.
- Always bag medium-to-large livestock in separate bags. When deciding on how many livestock to put together in one bag, consider:
 - Do they all appear to have enough room (i.e. if the bag were accidentally bumped, would any livestock collide with each other?)
 - Are they naturally aggressive by nature (aggressive livestock each get their own bag!)
- For any unusually large fish, avoid using livestock bags and instead choose a suitably-sized plastic container (bucket or tub) with lid to be sold along with the fish.
 - The lid should seal properly but be easily removable in order to properly show the fish.
 - CDAS will accept large livestock in containers – but ONLY where it is absolutely necessary for the comfort and health of the fish.
 - If in doubt, check first and bring along some big bags just in case.



- The use of clear unprinted flat bottom aquarium bags is preferred. They prevent livestock being trapped and killed in the corners however recognised CLEAR, unprinted retail aquarium bags are accepted.
 - If you only have standard bags there is a quick fix. Turn the bag upside-down, and then double-bag for safety. No more corners! Bags with corners can also be taped (use clear sticky tape)

Bagging

Following this guide will enable the best results for everyone – including the livestock.

- Ensure your bag is labelled correctly (Refer to [Attaching your Auction lot labels](#))
- Ensure you have sufficient water in the bag for your livestock to be comfortable (a ratio of approximately 75% air / 25% clean tank water for maximum oxygen levels is recommended)
 - The water should cover your livestock while the bag is on its side. Keep in mind oxygen is more important than water.
- A small amount of a conditioner such as Prime by Seachem or de-stressor can be added to the water – this is optional. (Add ONLY a few drops per bag).
- If your livestock will stress without cover, consider adding a SMALL piece of plant (Java Moss or a stem plant) to the bag.
- Use fresh air in your bag - avoid 'blowing' air directly into it. Simply open the bag as wide as possible and then quickly snap your hand around the top to seal in a good supply of fresh air (An air pump could assist)
- Use elastics to close the bag, and secure well. The bag should be taught like a balloon.
- Double-bag your livestock if they have sharp fins, teeth or bristles (i.e. anything 'pokey') medium-to-larger-sized cichlids, catfish, sucker fishes / plecos are all common suspects!

Multi bagged lots

If you are Auctioning more than one item of livestock as a single Lot print off the same Auction Lot label for as many bags as you are auctioning.

- For example, if you are selling 3 Discus as a single Lot
 - Print three (3) of the Same Auction Lot labels
 - Secure them to each Bag
 - Add a marking for each bag as being, e.g. "1 of 3", "2 of 3", "3 of 3"
 - Tape all bags together, or use a larger bag to keep them together as a single Auction Lot to prevent separation and confusion with other lots nearby.

Improving your lot's appeal

The auctioneer's task is to get "the best fair" price for each lot on the day. How you present your lot bags can help that process.

When pre-registering a special or rare lot it may be advantageous for you to submit an image that best represents your auctioned Item. It will be displayed when your Lot is auctioned. The image



should be submitted with your completed Request Forms and where possible the following format should be used:

- Ensure the image is smaller than 1Mb
- Is a Jpg or Jpeg
- Is 800x600 or 300dpi

The image will be displayed with your lot during the auction on the projector screens.

Start spruiking, notify members and other potential attendees of the lots you intend to bring to the auction – this is could easily be done on one of the club-managed Facebook pages. If you haven't used these sites before, ask a committee member for help.



CDAS Mega Auction Terms & Conditions

General Auction Rules

1. Only current financial members of CDAS, the club itself or members of affiliated aquarium societies may sell auction lots.
2. Regular, sponsor, commercial members and affiliated aquarium societies will receive an Auction Card for free on proof of membership. Others will have to purchase an Auction Card (\$20 fee, includes door entry)
3. Persons **under 16** years of age must be under direct **adult** supervision to bid on animals (Livestock or invertebrates) *Refer ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013*
4. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Both sellers and buyers are responsible for the welfare of animals when in their care, including at the auction, while being transported and at their ultimate destination.
5. The only Auction lots accepted are as follows:
 - Aquarium fish,
 - Aquatic invertebrates,
 - Aquarium plants or
 - Aquarium related products.
6. All lots are sold “as is” this includes dry goods, equipment etc. are purchased as is and are non-refundable or returnable for any reason
7. A commission (**10%**) will be deducted prior to receiving payment of **sold lots** (sponsors excluded). Except where the sale is part of the CDAS Species Conservation Project when the commission may be waived on the advice of the CDAS Breeders Award Chairperson.
8. Bidding increments are as follows:
 - Under \$20 (\$1 increments)
 - \$20 to \$50. (\$2 increments)
 - \$50 to \$100 (\$5 increments)
 - Over \$100 (\$10 increments), or
 - at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
9. At the fall of the hammer, the sale is final and immediate payment and collection is required.
10. **CDAS Inc.** scrutineers will review all lots submitted for auction. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure that livestock and plants are healthy and otherwise suitable for sale as aquarium stock. It is the seller's responsibility to accurately identify and label all lots and the buyer's responsibility to confirm what they are bidding on and to safely store, transport, properly acclimatise and house their purchases.
11. Lots that do not pass scrutineering will be politely turned away for remedy.
12. The auctioneer will describe each lot on offer, including the species (according to the seller's label), the size, number and, if possible, the sex of the livestock. This description is offered as a guide only and interested buyers should ensure that they can see the lot and make their own judgments before bidding. Photographs shown of species being auctioned are for



illustration and information purposes only and are not of the actual Livestock being auctioned (unless otherwise stated).

13. **Inspection** of boxes or lots in the holding area is **forbidden** for anyone without the express permission and supervision of a **CDAS Inc.** scrutineer.
14. **CDAS Inc.** offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a **CDAS Inc.** auction.
15. CDAS cannot offer security on items, including auction lots, left in the holding area or elsewhere in the auction premises. Any losses are the responsibility of the owner of the item at the time of the loss.
16. As a matter of policy, **CDAS Inc.** does not accept for auction or otherwise condone the production and trade of the following:
 - Livestock that are the result of crossing different species (hybrids). This includes “Flowerhorn” cichlids, “Orange Blotch” and other hybrid Peacock cichlids and any Livestock that the scrutineers believe cannot be identified as a true species or a variety bred from a single natural species.
 - Livestock that have been bred selectively for genetic deformities such as scoliosis (“balloon” fish) or for characteristics that impair normal swimming and behaviours (such as deformed/reduced tails, buoyancy problems). The only exceptions are gold fish strains that have been in existence for decades or centuries and which breed “true”.
 - Livestock or other animals that have been adulterated by being fed or injected with dyes, tattooed or subject to genetic modification for aesthetic enhancement.
 - Livestock that have been inbred to the point of exhibiting deformities such as bent spines and swim bladder problems.
17. Sales of aquarium related products, other than through the auction, that may take place on the premises during the auction must abide by the **CDAS Inc.** terms & conditions.
18. Auction of livestock takes priority over all other Lots. **CDAS Inc.** reserves the right to not auction lots if there are livestock lots remaining to be auctioned and time is running short.
19. Lots will be auctioned to provide variety and maintain buyers interest. Lot registration time and lot numbering will not determine the sequence in which lots are auctioned. CDAS will seek to ensure that lots submitted by any individual are spread across the time available.
20. Everyone attending the auction is requested to keep conversations and other distracting noises (such as mobile phones) to a minimum. This will ensure minimal interference with the running of the auction.

Buyer's Responsibilities

21. You must register and have an auction bidding card to participate in the auction.
22. Only people bidding with CDAS Mega Auction Cards will have their bids accepted.
23. If you are the successful bidder on a lot, please approach the cashier immediately after the hammer falls, pay and collect your purchase.
24. If you are interested in bidding on an item, please position yourself in the room where you have a clear view of the lot and where the auctioneer can see you. If your bid is missed it is likely because the auctioneer cannot see you.
25. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Please be sure that you can adequately transport, house and care for any livestock you are considering bidding on. Do not bid for “fun” or simply because an item is “a bargain”.



26. Items cannot be resubmitted for auction on the day.
27. Do not buy livestock with the intention of setting up a new aquarium “when you get home”. Do not buy livestock as a surprise “gift” for someone else.
28. Have a sturdy box or container ready to place your won lots into.
 - **CDAS Inc.** recommends the use of an Aquarium grade styrene box
 - A **waterproof** bag, bucket or container with a lid to **avoid** exposure to direct sunlight at all times
 - **Don't** leave plastic bags of livestock unprotected on the floor or in your car until the end of the auction.
29. Speak with a CDAS Committee member or club volunteer before bidding if you are unsure of the suitability of a lot for your aquarium/s.
30. Acclimatise any livestock to your aquarium slowly by:
 - Floating the bag into the new aquarium
 - Add a cupful of water every 10 minutes for 45 minutes
 - Try and avoid placing water from the bag into your tank when you add the livestock to its new home.
31. **CDAS Inc.** recommends that all new livestock spend a minimum of two weeks in a quarantine tank.
32. **CDAS Inc.** recommends “dipping” any aquarium plants you purchase in a dilute solution of Potassium Permanganate (Condis Crystals) and/or a 5% solution of household bleach for 10 minutes. The plants can then be rinsed thoroughly and introduced to your aquarium. This will reduce the possibility of snail, algae and other infestations.
33. If you are not already a member of CDAS, consider joining us at a regular meeting or visit our [website \(www.cdas.org.au/join\)](http://www.cdas.org.au/join) or [Facebook page \(www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/\)](https://www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/)

Sellers' responsibilities

34. Completed Registration Forms must be submitted via Email (canberradas@gmail.com) no later than 7 calendar days **before** the Auction date.
35. Registration Forms must be accurately completed. You must include:
 - Your CDAS membership number
 - Common/scientific name of item
 - Number of items, and
 - Reserve price (if any).
36. Items that violate Australian Capital Territory laws or regulations may not be sold, offered for sale or advertised for sale on the premises. These include such items as:
 - Used Electrical Items
 - Plants
 - Animals and
 - Organisms.
37. Items that violate **CDAS Inc.** policies on hybrids, deformed, adulterated or inbred organisms. (see paragraph 16) are not to be offered for Auction or sale.
38. Any livestock likely to or known to be diseased, infested with parasites or injured may not be auctioned or sold.



- If an Auction lot is suspected to be carrying an infectious disease, all of that seller's lots may be refused registration or be withdrawn from the auction by a scrutineer.
39. All Auction lots must be accurately described so as not to mislead or intentionally misrepresent the item. The description must:
- State the condition of any non-livestock items (dry goods, aquariums, equipment).
 - Detail any damage (including working/not working).
40. All Auction Lots are to have correctly affixed labels (ref [Attaching your Auction lot labels](#)).
41. The seller is responsible for the accuracy of the registration information, including ensuring that each lot is given a proper and separate lot number.
42. When more than one item of livestock is to be sold as a single ensure you have:
- Printed the same lot number for each bag
 - Secure labels to each bag correctly
 - Add a mark for each bag as being, e.g. "1 of 3", "2 of 3", "3 of 3"
 - Tape all bags together, or use a larger bag to keep them together as a single Auction lot to prevent separation and confusion with other lots nearby.
43. Livestock lots that are incorrectly labelled will not be accepted into the auction until remedied (time permitting).
44. Livestock Auction lots must be correctly bagged, **CDAS Inc.** will require lots to be re-bagged that are:
- Too small for the livestock
 - Too many items per bag
 - Water quality appears substandard (cloudy, too much detritus)
 - Water/Air ratio incorrect
 - Placed in a zip-lock bag.
45. If re-bagging of livestock or lot modification is required, it must be done at the designated re-bagging area with bags provided by **CDAS Inc.** for a small fee.
46. The auctioneer or scrutineer's decision regarding appropriately bagged livestock is final.
47. All lots must be submitted for registration no later than **11:00 am** on the day of the Auction.
- **CDAS Inc.** may authorise individual changes to registration for exceptional reasons please note your reason when submitting your request for lot allocation.
48. All items labelled with the same lot number will be auctioned as one lot.
49. Each seller may only submit up the maximum of their entitled allotment.

Membership Type	Number of lots
Regular/Family	15
Sponsor	50
Commercial (subject to committee approval)	30
Committee and volunteer members	20

50. Anyone joining CDAS one month or less before the auction is limited to 15 lots regardless of their membership type.
51. The seller (or proxy) must be present to finalise registration of their lots, unless prior approval has been made with:



- CDAS President
 - CDAS Vice-president.
52. A maximum of five (5) lots of the same species or item may be registered per seller. Hardware (anything not a live fish or plant) is limited to **two (2)** lots per seller.
53. Lots without a reserve marked on the spreadsheet will be auctioned as if no reserve exists and will be sold to the highest bidder.

Auctioneers Rules

54. If bidding does not reach the reserve price, at auctioneer's discretion, the reserve may be removed or the lot passed in.
55. Once an Auction lot has been accepted for submission. Removal from the auction area is only possible:
- Once it's sold, or
 - At the discretion of the Auctioneer, Vice President or an Auction steward.
56. Lots that are passed in must be collected immediately by the seller at the end of the auction. Failure to collect unsold lots may result in a member being ineligible to submit lots at future CDAS Auctions.
57. **CDAS Inc.** takes no responsibility for unclaimed (remaining) lots.
58. Where time is a factor (either as a constraint or abundance) The Auctioneer reserves the right to:
- Combine an individual seller's Auction lots of same species into one larger lot (e.g. five lots of java moss) accounting for the total combined reserve when starting to auction lot
 - Combine similar lots to create a 'Dutch Auction' (10 piece of wood – winning bidder is can choose how many items they want at the hammer price. Remaining Lots (per Lot) are sold at the hammer price
 - Re-auction previously passed in lots with the original reserve or with a reduced/no reserve (as agreed by the seller).
59. Payments to sellers will only be made at the completion of the Auction (unless otherwise arranged). The payment structure is as follows:
- Cash where possible
 - Electronic reimbursement via PayPal or direct deposit
 - Interstate and Regional sellers first
 - Locals (Canberra and surrounding areas) second
 - CDAS members, third.
 - **CDAS Inc.** will do its utmost to make payment on the day however reserves the right to pay out at the next monthly meeting.
60. Auctioneers or Scrutineers decision is final.

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