

Small Fish Bowls removed from sale at Boronia Aquarium.

In the interests of animal welfare Boronia Aquarium will no longer be selling unfiltered fish bowls or any fish bowls with a total volume that is less than 15ltrs.



In 2006 the city of Rome officially banned the sale of fish bowls.



Boronia Aquarium is following Rome's lead and is removing all small fish bowls from sale in our store.

Boronia Aquarium will also be removing smaller sized glass aquariums from sale in the near future.

At Boronia Aquarium animal welfare comes before profit.

Taken from a media release on the Planet Ark website:

"It's good to do whatever we can for our animals who in exchange for a little love fill our existence with their attention," said Monica Cirinna, the councillor behind the by-law.

"The civilisation of a city can also be measured by this," she told Rome daily Il Messaggero.

The newspaper reported that round bowls caused fish to go blind. No one at Rome council was available to confirm this was why they were banned. Many fish experts say round bowls provide insufficient oxygen for fish.

Animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, said Rome had gone further protecting fish than anywhere else in the world and gave Cirinna its "International Humanitarian Award".

"Rome stands out for recognizing that fish are interesting individuals who deserve our respect and compassion every bit as much as dogs and cats and other animals," said Karin Robertson, with PETA's "Fish Empathy Project".