

A MinnFinn Moment Vol II: April 2009

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Here we are 8 weeks since the San Diego Koi Show/AKCA Seminar and MinnFinn Max popularity is growing rapidly. I am amazed on a daily basis with reports from users on how happy they are with the effectiveness against a huge variety of pathogens and the ease of use. We have had reports of fluke infestations, Costia and bacteria eliminated.

With all of this, the writing of the next newsletter has been exciting as it is so important to let everyone know how the continued field development of MinnFinn Max is going. It is the field development and compilation of data that will continue to grow this product. The hope is to take MinnFinn from Koi to salt and fresh water aquaria and then finally for use in food fish. Effective tools for combating disease are few and any new tool in the toolbox for all fish culturists is incredibly valuable.

Product Responsibility

I know we discussed the environmental and non-toxic benefits in the last newsletter but we want to make sure we convey how important this is to us. With the problems we have with environmental degradation and the constant exposure to toxic chemicals it is gratifying having a product that can take care of so many disease issues while being safe for the environment and for the fish and user. There is enough cancer in the world and the more cancer causing agent we can remove from use the better we will all be.

Regular Strength

We are pleased to announce that the regular strength product will be available towards the end of June to the beginning of July. A one liter bottle will treat 2000 gallons of water and will have no

Hazmat shipping restrictions. MinnFinn will be easier than ever to get and move around the country.

Tech Notes:

What is MinnFinn and Why is it Special

The main ingredients in MinnFinn are Peracetic Acid and Hydrogen peroxide. The proportions are specifically formulated for its use in the human health field as a sterilant for medical devices. It is popular due to its lack of toxicity and has replaced formalin for all the same reasons we have discussed in fish.

The formulation process is proprietary and is what sets MinnFinn apart from other peracetic acid products. Through the process the product is stabilized so the dose on the bottle will be just that for a year. Other products are not stabilized and therefore may break down quickly or change after bottling. This is dangerous to use as the actual contents will not be known and can easily be lethal for your fish or not be an effective treatment.

What to Look for in Your Fish

Fish that are being stressed by a MinnFinn treatment will roll on their sides like they are going to sleep. Normal responses are increased or decreased agitation which may change during the treatment. These are normal and should not require early neutralization. If fish begin to roll over than an early neutralization may be needed. Below you will read about a fish that did roll during a treatment for Costia, but the treatment continued and the fish recovered after the hour. Rolling is therefore not a reason for immediately neutralizing but should be strongly considered.

Treatments (In the Field)

The Fish Lady, Barbara Johnson

“Attached are pictures of two Koi which were treated twice with MinnFinn. In listening to St Erne in SD, he did mention that he had treated fish up to 3 times for hard case parasites. The fish we treated were on their way out. No point injecting when the water is cold, we did various salt treatments but still, no response.

One particular fish, a Chagoi (greenish/brown Koi) was getting dropsy/pinecone and was getting worse daily.

Anyway, instead of treating the whole pond because it was nearly impossible to measure the volume due to the fact it is irregular, I simply had the fish moved to a small 20 gls Tupperware container. We followed protocol and also added an air pump while the fish were bathing in solution. Fish were treated twice, on 3/10/09 & 3/31/09.

I am amazed how well the fish responded. We gave it a few weeks between treatments as to observe progress.

See for yourself.

Best fishes,
Barbara/The Fish Lady”



Although this is a remarkable case we are not marketing MinnFinn for the treatment of internal infections. It is data like this that however will drive future research and may take MinnFinn to new areas of treatment efficacy.

Terri

(4/10/09)

"I then referred (MinnFinn to) an owner I am helping who's Koi have Costia. He has an established pond of 20 year old fish and has lost 5 very large Koi so far. His first treatment went OK. His water is 50 deg. and his pH is 8.0. Fish surfaced immediately and went to waterfall area. They were not happy, one laid over and went into skimmer. He was able to make it the whole hour. After the neutralizer went in they all were fine. No deaths since the treatment. Vicki suggested he treat one more time and he will be doing that today. So far with him all is good as he was loosing fish daily."

(4/24/09)

"I just heard from him and no more deaths, they are all eating, redness gone etc. He dosed a second time, all was well then too. This ponder is thrilled with your product. I am not near him to scope and he doesn't own a scope, so we are going by behavior and symptoms. All is good and it's been 2 weeks with temps increasing."

Terri Janas

Big Als Aquarium Supplies

Treatments for "bacterial infection, anchor worm, shipment shock"

"MinnFinn has become our treatment of choice for new arrivals of Koi and goldfish. It has been effective in neutralizing bacterial infections cause from open sores along the body as well as killing off anchor worms from goldfish."

Minnfinn is a very useful product to have for goldfish and pond fish especially for customers that are experiencing problems with their fish that are bacterial and/or parasitic in nature. It has pretty much replaced our other new shipment meds for goldfish and pond fish/koi.

Ivan Tanuwidjaja
Oakville Fishroom Management
Canada

Jeanmarie Schiller

"I have had a similarly frustrating bout with flukes as well. I tried everything (formalin, proform-C, PP, Prazi, Supaverm) with only temporary success. I used supaverm two different times. First killed flukes, but also a koi. Also knocked the heck out of the survivors. Second time, dosed it differently and koi were fine, but so were flukes! Flukes are becoming resistant to everything.

Anyway, I just recently decided to give MinnFinn a try (2 doses-2 days apart) (Start 3/30/09) and the jury is still out on its success. So far, no flashing and the Koi are doing fine. It even cleared up some redness and a small ulcer. I am giving it 2-3 weeks to see if the flashing starts back up. Then I'll check under the scope to confirm. I am really hopeful this time!"

As of 4/24/09 Jean has seen no evidence of a return of flukes on her fish.

Tom Ross

“Scraped and scoped incoming shipment stored temporarily in 160 gal stock tank, 1/2 full (Gyrodactylus Diagnosed). Fish were purchased for IKS members. Treated per label instructions. Fish showed no distress during treatment. Follow-up S&S was clean”

“Scraped and scoped a fish before giving it to a friend. Found skin fluke. Returned to pond (4500 gallons). Bypassed filtration & treated per label instructions. Many fish showed some distress toward end of treatment - listing, piping. Follow-up S&S was clean. All fish okay next day; up and eating very well. Pond water turned green within a few days.”

From Paul Curtis: The green water may have been initiated by the release of nutrient from organics being oxidized into more available forms in the pond

“Scraped and scoped jumper; found Trichodina and skin fluke in 3200 gallon pond. Bypassed secondary biofilter ONLY & left main filter in system. Treated per label instructions. Most fish showed some distress toward end of treatment - listing, piping. No follow-up S&S. All fish okay next day; up and eating very well. Ammonia up to 0.5 ppm next day; back to zero after 3 days.”

Tom Ross
Inland Koi Club, Riverside CA

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