



IKGH email



Hello guppy friends

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that **Stephen Elliott** has passed away.

I would like to express my sincere and deep condolences to the family and everyone who knew him.

A huge personality has left us not only in the field of high-breeding of guppies, but also from the ranks of our trusted and human friends.

Steve served for many years as a very active president, leaving behind a large number of very important implementations in the rules of fish judging. He was among the most active fish judges in the world. Thousands of people knew his personality all over the world. Therefore, these days are extremely sad for many people all over the world. Everyone who took guppies breeding seriously knew Steve and Steve knew him. He actively attended competitions at various levels (international, european, world), where he actively participated in their preparing, judging and in the role of an observer. He wrote down all his observations so that he could later improve the curriculum of our rules. Even though he was no longer in the position of president, he could always be approached confidentially for help and advice. He always preferred a human approach to solving problems. He was very supportive of beginning breeders, judges. This is evidenced not only by his publications in the field, but also by a number of other activities. I remember how he sent me a pair of flagtail guppies, as a beginning breeder. Without knowing me, without wanting anything, just to support me.

He was a professional - he bred rare breeds to preserve their gene pool. He achieved amazing results in many breeds, continuously during many years.

I remember how he waited for Julia and me in Birmingham at the airport and we ate cakes „coffee beans“ and then we talked for a long time about everything, not just fish. Because Steve was human and friendly. He always adapted his communication with us, as a native speaker, so that we understood what he was saying. Because what he was saying was always important and interesting.

On behalf of the entire IKGH, I send you a huge thank you to heaven for everything you have done for the organization - so that our hobby can exist and be better.

We will never forget you and will think of you and remember you as a friend and a professional.

Losing anyone is very painful, especially now when it involves someone we loved very much, who influenced us so positively, who helped us, and with whom we had a great time.

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