



A lot of questions have been asked about the initial source of infection, and we would like to share with you what we now know.

Since opening for business in 2006, Next Day Koi has shipped hundreds of thousands of Koi and Butterfly Koi across the US. In the 18 years up to and including 2023, we never had a fish test positive for KHV in our facilities or after being shipped to a customer.

All Koi and Butterfly Koi sold since opening in 2006—up to and including 2024—can be grouped into two categories:

- 1.) Outdoor-grown, mud pond Koi and Butterfly Koi from Blue Ridge Koi
- 2.) Biosecure, indoor-grown Koi and Butterfly Koi from Aquamade

Here is what we know about the current KHV status of fish from each source:

1.) Outdoor-grown, mud pond Koi and Butterfly Koi from Blue Ridge Koi

All Blue Ridge Koi production farms have no symptoms or mortality. Multiple rounds of samples have been collected from Blue Ridge Koi's production farms, and all samples have tested negative for KHV.

2.) Biosecure, indoor-grown Koi and Butterfly Koi from Aquamade

Six samples were tested from Next Day Koi greenhouses that contained only biosecure indoor-grown Koi and Butterfly Koi. All six tests returned negative results.

The biosecure, indoor facilities used by Aquamade are 100% enclosed buildings that operate under very strict biosecurity protocols. Fish never enter the building; fish only leave the building. Each facility is tested routinely and confirmed to be KHV negative by the State of Israel Ministry of Agriculture. Each facility is issued a certificate from the State of Israel, certifying the facility as KHV-free. These facilities have each been in operation for up to 20 years and have never had a positive KHV test.



We do not believe fish from either of these categories are the source of infection, and we remain absolutely certain of the KHV-free status of fish from both of these sources.

Next Day Koi shares a quarantine and shipping facility with Blue Ridge Koi, with recirculating systems for both companies existing in close relation on the same property. The shared quarantine and shipping facilities are on a property completely separated by 1-hour driving distance from the Blue Ridge Koi production farms.

Blue Ridge Koi had a third type of fish present in the quarantine and shipping facilities: KHV-vaccinated, outdoor-grown Koi and Butterfly Koi from Aquamade. Given the evidence and multiple rounds of test results we've received to date, **we are confident that the KHV-vaccinated, outdoor-grown Koi and Butterfly Koi from Aquamade were the initial source of infection.**

Blue Ridge Koi has also stated publicly that they "believe with a high level of confidence that the vaccinated Koi were the initial source of infection".

To be clear, **none of these KHV-vaccinated Koi and Butterfly have ever been sold by Next Day Koi** now or at any time in the past, but they did exist in the same quarantine and shipping facility as some of the biosecure, indoor-grown, unvaccinated Koi and Butterfly Koi sold and shipped by Next Day Koi.

Needless to say, KHV-vaccinated Koi and Butterfly Koi will **never** be brought into a Blue Ridge Koi or Next Day Koi facility ever again. We are very proud of Next Day Koi's long track record of providing healthy Koi and Butterfly Koi to customers nationwide prior to this incident.

We are well on our way to wiping out all traces of the virus, and we will be up and running just as soon as we can ensure our facilities are safe for fish again.

We are committed to helping those affected restock their ponds. If you feel that might be you — **please** contact us so we can work with you to make things right.