

= pelvic or belly + Greek , chromis =
a fish , perhaps a perch
Pulcher : Latin , pretty or beautiful

= = In the aquarium = =

Pelvicachromis pulcher is a popular cichlid for the aquarium .

= = = Selective breeding = = =

An albino form of the species has been developed for the aquarium trade . Unlike normal albinism , the trait is not recessively inherited in *P. pulcher* . The trait is incompletely dominant . Like many albino animals red and yellow pigments are retained , however , albino *P. pulcher* also show patches of melanin in the dorsal and caudal fin around the ocelli . Langhammer (1982) reports that matings from these albino forms with red and yellow pigments produce 25 % wild coloured offspring and 75 % albino fry . The albino fry were themselves divided into completely amelanistic forms , and forms which retained colouration of their parents .