



# AQUATIC TURTLE care sheet



## PET DEPOT

### CAGING NEEDED

Appropriate size habitat, at least a 40 gallon breeder tank with a screened lid so the turtle can't escape. A good rule of thumb is 10 gallons per inch of turtle; adult turtles will require more room. House adult aquatic turtles alone and do not house different turtle species together.

### BEDDING & WATER NEEDS

Slate, rock, or a large smooth gravel, too large to eat, is optional; water for swimming area; some aquatic turtles require a shallow area they can rest in the water with their head sticking out. Red ears require a turtle dock area to bask out of the water. Other turtles require dry land areas outside of the water. Create slopes for easy entry and exit.

### LIGHTING & UVB

UVB rays with full spectrum lighting for 10-12 hours a day is required. Incandescent lighting is needed for basking area.

### TEMPERATURES & HUMIDITY

Temperature gradient (95°F for the warm end/basking area and 75°F for the cool end/water); recommend radiant heat; use an incandescent light or ceramic heater as primary heat source.

### DIET

**Map & Asian leaf:** live comet goldfish, earthworms, mealworms, bloodworms, snails and crickets. **Painted wood & red ear:** dark, leafy green veggies and finely chopped veggies. Red ears also benefit from comet goldfish, earthworm. These aquatic turtles need a pelleted commercial diet.

### MISC. INFORMATION

Turtles do not like frequent handling and may bite when frightened.

### AVERAGE SIZE

5 - 11 inches long, depending on the species

### LIFE SPAN

20 - 40+ years

## SHOPPING LIST FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriately Sized Habitat    | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Fixture                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book About Aquatic Turtles     | <input type="checkbox"/> Under Tank Heater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Aquatic Turtle Food | <input type="checkbox"/> UVB Lighting                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin and Calcium Supplement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substrate                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket Keeper                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Light                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket Food                   |