

GUIDE *to* AQUATIC TURTLE CARE

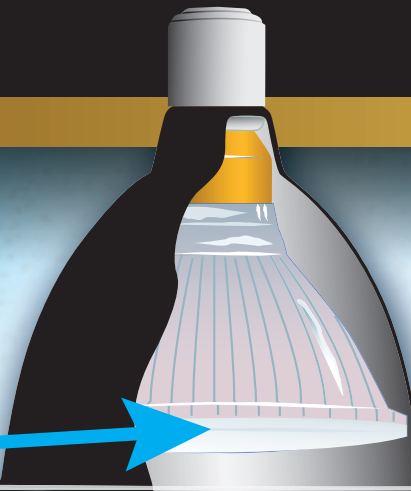
HEAT/TEMPERATURE

Use an incandescent light to heat the basking area to 85-95, and a submersible heater to keep the water at the correct temperature for the species.



BASKING PLATFORM

Provide a dry basking area so aquatic turtles can get out of the water, dry off and warm themselves to maintain healthy skin and shell.



DIET / NUTRITION

Aquatic turtles can eat a wide variety of foods, including animal & plant material. Check specific dietary habits of your species.

DECOR

Plants and other decor reduce stress and add to the appearance of the habitat.

SUBSTRATE

Pebbles allow for digging, anchoring of plants and contain beneficial bacteria.

UVB LIGHTING

UVB rays with full spectrum lighting for 10 to 12 hours a day is required.

FILTRATION

Proper filtration will keep aquatic turtle habitats clean and odor free.

HABITAT

Aquatic turtles are active swimmers and need a habitat with plenty of room to move and bask.



NOTE: Aquatic turtles, even healthy ones, can carry Salmonella, a germ that makes people sick. Always wash your hands with soap and water after you handle your turtle or clean its habitat. Check the CDC website for more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/index.html>