

CARE OF TURTLES

- **Water**
 - Fill tank until water is halfway up the ramp so turtle has easy access in and out of the water
- **Food**
 - Feed one square 3x week (ie. Monday, Wednesday, Friday).
 - Ensure food remains in the freezer, only take out when ready to feed.
 - In colder weather turtles may not eat as much, but they can survive 6 months without food, so don't worry.
- **Cleaning**
 - Turtles are messy animals – remove any uneaten every day
 - If you notice lots of mess floating around, use a container to scoop it out. If the water level drops too much, refill to the original level
- **Handling**
 - Turtles can be picked up and held by adults around their shell
 - Children may touch the turtle shell – do NOT allow students to touch the head or legs of the turtle
- Turtles may be taken out of the tank and allowed to walk around in the sun. Make sure they are constantly supervised as birds may attack.
- Return turtles in the bucket they came in with a small amount of water.
- Turtles must be checked at least once over the weekend.