



TURTLE PET JOURNAL

PET:	STUDENT:
TEACHER CONTACT: If your pet gets sick or hurt, please call your teacher.	

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PET TURTLE

- 1 Check water level in tank. Be sure to change the water at least once a week.
- 2 Feed your animal 3-5 turtle pellets daily. He will usually eat them right away (as long as he sees them). Make sure your pet has all of its food for the day and take out any leftovers from the day before.
- 3 Check to make sure the lights are on and pump is working if he has one.
- 4 Make sure he has a place to get out of the water if he wants to.

DO'S AND DON'TS

- 1 Hand washing is very important after handling any reptile.
- 2 **DO NOT** feed your pet insects that you have caught in your backyard because they may have harmful parasites or pesticides.
- 3 Don't suddenly grab your pet or handle him aggressively.
- 4 Don't let your terrarium get direct sunlight from a window because the container may overheat due to the extreme heat from direct sunlight. Indirect sunlight will benefit your reptiles. Put the light bulb on top of the cage to provide a stable area for the lamp and prevent them from tipping over or falling.
- 5 Don't leave terrarium lights on at night. Turn the light off at night so they can sleep. Do not leave the "day light" on when you leave the house.



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

Date:

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
REPTILES ARE
COLD-BLOODED?**

What did your pet do today?

Measure your pet with a ruler.

From head to tail:

From side to side:

Its tail:

Its head:

What did you feed your pet today?

How long is your pet?

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Other

Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?

Is your pet shedding today?

YES

NO

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

Date:

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
SOME TORTOISES CAN
LIVE FOR 150 YEARS?**

What did your pet do today?

Match the traits with the reptiles they go with.

Uses camouflage to blend in with surroundings



What did you feed your pet today?

Slithers its entire body to move



How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Has a hard shell to protect itself



Other

Looks like it has a beard



Is your pet shedding today?

YES

NO

Large reptile that has a lot of teeth



Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO

Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?

What sounds is your pet making?



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

Date:

**DID YOU KNOW MOST
REPTILES DON'T HAVE
NOSES? THEY SMELL WITH
THEIR TONGUE!**

What did your pet do today?

Compare things about your pet to how dinosaurs look.

What did you feed your pet today?

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Other

Is your pet shedding today?

YES

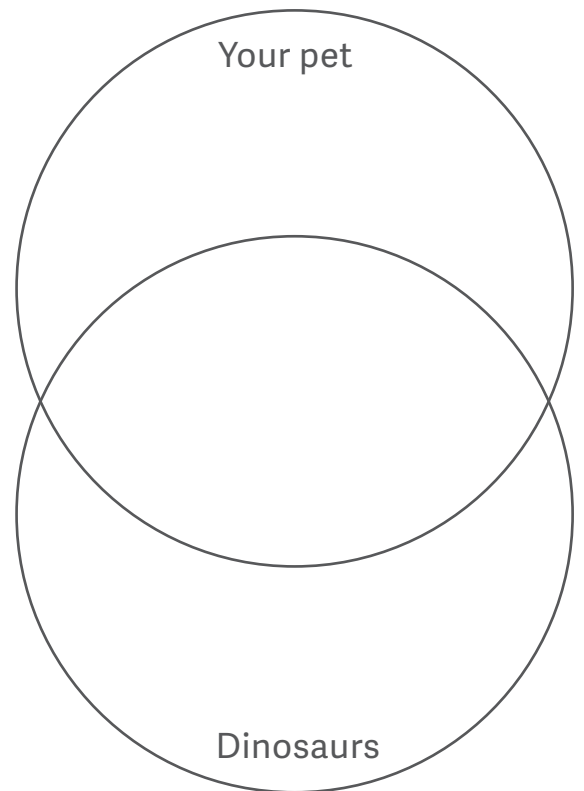
NO

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO

What does your pet feel like?



Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

Date:

**DID YOU KNOW MOST
REPTILES HAVE SCALES TO
PROTECT THEMSELVES?**

What did your pet do today?

Circle which kind of food reptiles should be fed.

Crickets

Hamburgers

Mealworms

Strawberries

Chocolate Bar

Lettuce

What did you feed your pet today?

How does your pet sleep?

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Other

Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?

Is your pet shedding today?

YES

NO

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

Date:

**DID YOU KNOW THERE
ARE ABOUT 8,240 SPECIES
OF REPTILES?**

What did your pet do today?

Write a journal entry from the point of view of your pet.

What did you feed your pet today?

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Other

Is your pet shedding today?

YES

NO

Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

**DID YOU KNOW MOST
REPTILES CAN'T SWALLOW
WITHOUT HOLDING
THEIR BREATH?**

Date:

What did your pet do today?

Draw a picture of your pet.

What did you feed your pet today?

What color is your pet?

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy

Hungry

Lively

Other

Did you have playtime with your pet today? If so, what did you do with your pet?

Is your pet shedding today?

YES

NO

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES

NO



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'S DAILY JOURNAL

(Pet's Name)

Written by:

**DID YOU KNOW MOST
REPTILES USE CAMOUFLAGE
TO STAY SAFE
FROM PREDATORS?**

Date:

What did your pet do today?

Write what you liked about having a pet reptile for a week.

What did you feed your pet today?

Did your pet grow in length?

YES NO

How is your pet behaving today?

Sleepy Hungry Lively

Other

How long is your pet today?

Is your pet shedding today?

YES NO

Did you notice any changes in your pet over the past few days?

Did you clean your pet's cage today?

YES NO

