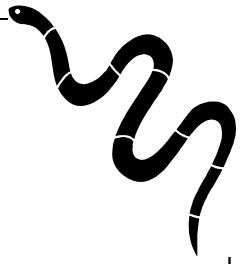


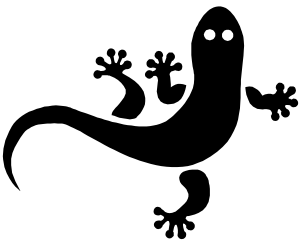
Pet Reptile Checklist

- ❑ Buying my reptile. I've found an ethical, humane source for the reptile species I wish to acquire. I am satisfied that this animal was bred and born in captivity and that it is in good health.

- ❑ Cost. I have calculated and am prepared to pay for the required husbandry supplies, ongoing electrical and heating costs, ongoing food costs, and possible veterinary bills, for the estimated life span of my pet.

- ❑ Housing. I have secured appropriate housing, lighting and heating. I have a secure supply of the required lighting and heating supplies (for example, full spectrum bulbs).

- ❑ Food. I am prepared to acquire and handle the necessary vitamin supplements and food items (which may include live insects, worms, and pre-killed rodents) on an ongoing basis. Or, in the case of an herbivorous reptile, I am prepared to acquire and properly prepare (buy, wash, chop) the necessary variety of fruits and vegetables.

- ❑ Veterinary Care. I have located a veterinarian that is knowledgeable in the care of reptiles (ideally someone who treats more than 1 or 2 cases a year). I am prepared to pay for veterinary care, should my reptile require it. My pet requires conscientious care, just like any other pet – there is no excuse for allowing my pet to suffer.

- ❑ Time. I am fully committed to giving my pet the care and consideration it deserves. This includes spending time on a daily basis cleaning the enclosure, feeding and watering my pet, handling and taming my pet, and general observation time to ensure my pet remains in good health.