

Case Specific: Turtles

Purpose: Enhance teaching/learning with engaging science materials and live animals

Goal: Safety for all who handle ESC20 Living Science materials

General Safety:

ALWAYS WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER BEFORE AND AFTER HANDLING ANY ANIMAL OR INSECTS.

Process:

1. Handling:

Resources: Gloves

Note: Latex gloves can cause allergic reactions in some individuals

- **It is best to wear gloves for your safety**

2. Caring:

Resources: Gloves, plastic bag

- Living Science turtles are shipped in their own container
- Turtles eat live crickets 2-3 at a time or you can give them dark leafy green vegetables(no lettuce), tomatoes or fruit (turtles only need to eat every 3 days)
- Remove any uneaten food and change water
- Regular tap water may be used and water should be changed every 2 days or when necessary

3. Disposal:

If turtle dies it may be disposed of by wrapping in a plastic bag and thrown in garbage
Return empty container to ESC20 Living Science Center

4. Bites or Allergic Reaction:

Allergic Reactions: Consult school nurse

5. Hygiene:

Resources Needed: Gloves, Soap, Water

- Use gloves for handling.
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling animals or insects.