



Surrender Request

Red-eared sliders are the most surrendered reptile worldwide. Few people purchase these turtles prepared for a long lifetime and the eventual large habitat. Rescues like mine receive many requests to take them in and space here is limited.

I will accept most legal (non-native) species of turtles, depending on available space and financial resources. If your turtle is sick or injured, I will ask you to make a reasonable additional donation towards veterinary care. If I do not have space, your turtle will be added to my website for potential direct adoption.

Please plan on donating your equipment, including the tank, filter, and lighting, with your turtle. This reduces transition stress for the turtle and the financial burden for potential adopters. If the equipment is not needed by the adopter, it will be used for other rescues or rehabilitating wild turtles and lowers my equipment costs.

Filling out the surrender request verifies that you agree to donate the described animal to me. You understand and agree that the animal will become my property and you relinquish all rights to the animal permanently and without further recourse. You release me from any claims, present or future, related to the disposition of the animal.

Surrender donation: No less than \$30 per turtle

When I receive your completed surrender request, it will be reviewed, and your turtle will go on the waiting list and my website. I may also, depending on circumstances, offer solutions to avoid surrender. I cannot guarantee when or if I will have space for your turtle.

**** PLEASE DO NOT RELEASE YOUR PET INTO THE WILD ****

If you release your pet turtle into the wild, you are violating state law and you are introducing an invasive species and, potentially, disease into an already challenged ecosystem.

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

What is your turtle's name?

What is your turtle's species?

How old is your turtle?

Is your turtle male or female?

Please email a picture of your turtle to debbie@dancingturtlewildlife.com

What does your turtle eat? How often are they fed? How much is offered per feeding?

Why are you considering the surrender of your turtle? (If you are moving, please indicate the last date you will be at your current residence.)

What equipment will you donate along with your turtle? Please include the dimensions of the aquarium or enclosure.

Veterinarian's Name:

Phone:

I certify that the information entered on this application is true. (Enter your name and date.)

Name:

Date:

Once in my care, the turtle will be monitored for no less than 14 days to ensure a healthy appetite, to determine demeanor, and to watch for visible medical issues. If necessary, the turtle will be treated by my veterinarian until cleared for adoption.

If you surrender your turtle, you are ineligible to adopt another turtle from me for two years from the date of surrender.