



Prerequisite Proof of Completion

Reptile and Amphibian Study

Scout's name: _____

Date: _____

Troop: _____ Week: _____

Requirement 8: Do ONE of the following:

(a) Maintain one or more reptiles or amphibians for at least a month. Record food accepted, eating methods, changes in coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits; or keep the eggs of a reptile from the time of laying until hatching; or keep the eggs of an amphibian from the time of laying until their transformation into tadpoles (frogs) or larvae (salamanders).

(b) Choose a reptile or amphibian that you can observe at a local zoo, aquarium, nature center, or other such exhibit (such as your classroom or school). Study the specimen weekly for a period of three months. At each visit, sketch the specimen in its captive habitat and note any changes in its coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits and behavior. Discuss with your counselor how the animal you observed was cared for to include its housing and habitat, how the lighting, temperature, and humidity were maintained, and any veterinary care requirements. Find out, either from information you locate on your own or by talking to the caretaker, what this species eats and what are its native habitat and home range, preferred climate, average life expectancy, and natural predators. Also identify any human-caused threats to its population and any laws that protect the species and its habitat. After the observation period, share what you have learned with your counselor.

Directions: Circle either (a) or (b) above to indicate which requirement you are fulfilling. Then, fill out the corresponding proof of completion on the next page.

Proof of Completion Requirement 8a: Maintain one or more reptiles or amphibians for at least a month.

Have a parent/guardian sign below verifying you maintained your pet for at least a month and then fill out the chart below.

Parent/GuardianName:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	

Reptile(s) or Amphibian(s) Maintained:				
Food Accepted	Eating Methods	Color Changes	Skin Shedding	General Habits

Proof of Completion Requirement 8b: Observe a reptile or amphibian in an exhibit.

Visit it weekly for 3 months (about 12 visits).

→ For each visit, sketch the specimen in its captive habitat. Attach your 12 sketches.

→ On the back of each sketch, note any changes in its coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits and behavior

Answer the questions below about how the animal you observed was cared for

Housing and habitat	
How the lighting was maintained	
How temperature/humidity were maintained	
Veterinary care requirements	