

## Reptile Welfare Levels Chart

Welfare Level	Choice Level	Provisions	Specifics and Modalities	Associated Common Zoo Wellness Categories (Rated on a Scale, ex. 1-5)
Optimal	Maximum Choice	Partnership	When the animal has maximum control/ autonomy over their captive management (training)	Mental Health & Behavioral
Great	High Choice	Enrichment Elaborate Habitat Complexity	Sensory Experiences Novel Feeding Modalities Cognitive/ Manipulative (problem solving) Multilayer Environmental (Habitat) Diversity Social/Behavioral (operant conditioning/ training)	Mental Health Nutrition Health Environment Behavioral
Good	Moderate Choice	Dietary Variety Habitat Complexity Humidity & Light Variability Access to IRa and IRb Access to UVA and UVB	Multiple food items and feeding methods Space and materials for species specific behaviors Humid and dry/ light and dark areas (ex. Humid Hide Box) Incandescent, Halogen or Specialty Reptile Bulbs UVB within the species specific UV index	Nutrition Environment/ Mental Health Environment/ Health Environment/ Health Environment/ Health
Basic	Minimal Choice	Food/ Basic Nutrition Water/ Adequate Hydration Thermal Gradient Disease/Parasite Free General Hygiene	Staple food items Access to water Areas to get warm and get cool Veterinary Care if required Routine and prompt removal of waste	Nutrition Environment Health

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 NOTE: Levels of welfare can and do vary greatly between taxa and therefore a basic level for one species might be insufficient for another. This chart is a generalized concept that should not be taken as concrete for all taxa within the Class Reptilia. The purpose of this chart is to help keepers identify their current provision status and the next steps toward progression.

