

# HOW TO MOVE A TURTLE



Always use two hands and approach the turtle from behind. Be aware that a turtle may pee on you, hiss, kick, and otherwise try to stop you from carrying it. Place the turtle well off the road into the grass and not directly in water. We recommend you wear gloves and always wash your hands after helping a turtle.

**ONLY HELP A TURTLE IF IT IS SAFE FOR YOU TO DO SO**

## HAMBURGER METHOD



Use two hands like you are carrying a hamburger upside down. One hand goes on each side of the turtle between its legs. This is a good hold for all smaller turtles that are not snapping turtles.



**NEVER REMOVE A TURTLE FROM ITS HABITAT**



## PIZZA METHOD

**LARGE TURTLES CAN BE PLACED ON A CAR MAT AND PULLED**

Snapping turtles are not aggressive, they are trying to scare you away. It is important to keep your hands behind the midline of their shell as they have long necks. This is why we recommend using the pizza method:

- With your non-dominant hand, firmly grasp the shell between tail and hind leg - **NEVER hold a turtle by their tail!**
- Slide your dominant hand under the turtle so palm is against the turtle then anchor your elbow to your waist and gently lift.
- Be prepared for the turtle to jerk / snap and when secure walk it across the road



**ALWAYS MOVE A TURTLE IN THE DIRECTION THEY ARE FACING, EVEN IF AWAY FROM WATER!**