Pet Turtles
A Common Source of Salmonella

- Pet turtles may look cute and harmless, but they can make you very sick!

- Turtles carry a type of bacteria called *Salmonella* on their outer skin and shell. *Salmonella* can cause serious or even life-threatening infection in people and can be caused by contact with turtles in petting zoos, parks, child day care facilities, or other locations.

- The FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine has additional information on pet turtles and how to prevent the spread of *Salmonella* at [www.fda.gov/cvm/turtles.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cvm/turtles.htm).

Turtle information for consumers, regulators, and Public Health Educators
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