



CRRN WELFARE LED / PROCESS LED BENCHMARKS (version 2 / May 2026)					
RESCUE NAME:		DATE LAST UPDATED:			
DATE JOINED:					
STAGE 1 MEETS WELFARE STANDARDS (FOUNDATION)		STAGE 2 CONSISTENTLY EXCEEDS STANDARDS (ESTABLISHED)		STAGE 3 BEST PRACTICE & LEADERSHIP (ADVANCED)	
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HUSBANDRY AND ENVIRONMENT					
Meeting adequate species-specific enclosure and husbandry standards.		Enclosures exceed adequate size and include enrichment.		Enclosures align with AAL / best practice standards for >85% of animals.	
Correct heating and lighting (incl. UVB where required), substrate and humidity.		Species-specific behavioural needs met (climbing, burrowing, basking gradients).		Structured enrichment program with rotation and evaluation.	
No overcrowding; No inappropriate cohabitation.		Temporary enclosures (e.g. RUB's) used only with documented justification.		Clear upgrade pathways for all temporary housing within defined timeframes.	
CLINICAL AND BIOSECURITY					
Access to a reptile-experienced vet.		Documented quarantine / isolation procedures with logs.		Preventative health protocols (screening, parasite control etc).	
Quarantine protocol in place.		Vet records, treatments and outcomes tracked.		Data tracking of illness trends and interventions.	
Basic hygiene and disease prevention measures.		Written care guides for adopters.		Continuous review of protocols based on latest research.	
WELFARE OUTCOMES AND MONITORING					
Basic records kept (feeding, weight, health notes).		Demonstrates measurable welfare improvements across cases such as:		Tracks and reviews:	
Individual animal tracking.		-Body condition score/weight improvements		-Mortality rates	
Acknowledges euthanasia may be necessary in cases of severe suffering or poor prognosis.		-Recovery from common conditions		-Illness incidents	
Commits to prioritising animal welfare in all euthanasia decisions.		Track key indicators:		-Recovery timelines	
Euthanasia is only performed by a licensed/registered veterinarian.		-Feeding consistency		Uses data to adjust practises.	
		-Activity levels		Demonstrates:	
		-Shedding success		-High rehabilitation success rates	
		Minimum 12 documented cases with outcomes.		-Reduced repeat issues	
		Euthanasia decisions are based on veterinary assessment, including clinical examination and, where appropriate, diagnostics.		Behavioural welfare tracked (stress reduction, natural behaviours).	
		Clear internal guidelines in place outlining when euthanasia should be considered (e.g. unmanageable pain, poor quality of life, untreatable conditions).		Formal welfare-based decision making framework in place (e.g. Quality of life scoring, case review processes).	
		Records maintained of euthanasia decisions, including veterinary input and rationale.		Evidence of consistent, ethical decision making aligned with current veterinary and welfare guidance.	
				Transparent communication (where appropriate) to the public or adopters explaining euthanasia decisions sensitively and responsibly.	
				Ongoing review of euthanasia protocols in line with latest veterinary standards and welfare research.	
RESCUE OPERATIONS AND CAPACITY					
Understands intake limits.		Capacity is actively managed with contingency planning.		Clear strategic planning (intake, emergencies, scaling).	
Does not exceed capacity.		Budget/income plan in place.		Equipment upgrade plans aligned with best practise.	
No breeding or selling.		Can provide long term care where required.		Volunteers/fosters trained to welfare standards.	
GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND IMPACT					
Agrees to CRRN code of conduct.		Provides adopter support and after care.		Tracks rehoming success rates + follow ups.	
Commits to seeking vet care when needed.		Maintains clear records of rehoming outcomes.		Transparent public communication of processes.	
Complies with CRRN policies.		Demonstrates responsible rehoming practices. (home checks, husbandry, equipment, dietary checks and correct education)		Registered (or working toward) formal status (charity/business/AAL readiness)	
				Contributes to wider rescue network (mentoring, education, welfare support)	