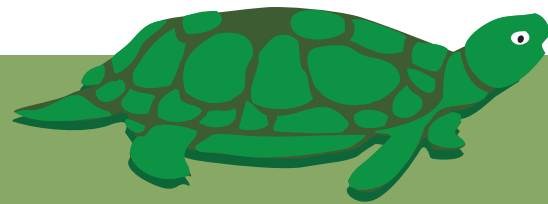


# PET OWNERSHIP PLEDGE



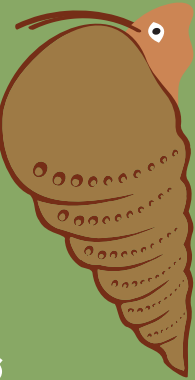
**THE STUDENTS OF THIS CLASS PLEDGE TO BE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS AND DO OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD AND RELEASE OF INVASIVE SPECIES.**

When pets and plants are set free outdoors, they can become invasive species. Aquarium animals and water can carry diseases that are dangerous to native wildlife. They can harm fish, plants, amphibians, and other aquatic life.



## AS PET OWNERS, WE PLEDGE TO:

1. Provide the food, water, space, and care that is needed for our pets.
2. Never release pets or allow aquarium plants and water to be dumped into natural waterways.
3. Find an animal shelter, pet rescue group, or friend to adopt our pets if we can no longer care for them.
4. Share the information we have learned about aquarium dumping and invasive species with our friends and fellow pet owners.



We understand that releasing pets into the wild is never the right thing to do for the pet or for the environment.

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## STUDENT SIGNATURES:

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