

TWINKLE IN THE EYE

People don't always realize the everyday things that make their pet special. It's also not easy keeping pets, it takes a lot of work cleaning, giving them the right food and especially ATTENTION. That's what my water turtle mostly needs. Pets have different ways of getting attention but this is how my turtle does it: she bumps a little against the glass of the aquarium when she wants food and I find it fascinating.

I feed her everyday and change her aquarium every week. It is interesting how her behavior changes every time. Sometimes she hides behind a big rock, or just stares at me in a certain way like she wants to say something. Every day during breakfast and dinner I watch her searching for food between the rocks and when she is curious she protrudes from the water with only her eyes and nose, which is a common behavior.

One day I was looking at my turtle from behind a chair, she looked at me, turned around and went to position behind a plant like playing hide and seek. Sometimes funny things happen that you would not expect: I saw her floating under water with a big air bubble on top of her nose.

When I sit next to the aquarium, I talk to her and look at her very carefully. I imagine I see a twinkle in her eye or that she understands what I'm saying when she is looking at me. Then suddenly she turns away and starts digging between the stones. *I think if people look closer and more carefully into the world of their pet it will give them much more pleasure. These pets will also love it when we pay more attention to them!*

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