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Follow the photographic journal of Carolina, a critically ill loggerhead sea turtle, as she is cared for and nursed back to health at the Sea Turtle Hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium. Just like hospitalized children, Carolina goes through a variety of emotions and procedures during her care and recovery process. When she first arrives at the hospital, she is too sick, weak, and confused to understand what is happening. She has blood drawn, x-rays taken, gets shots, and is hydrated through an IV – just as ill children may be! Join her as she interacts with her many caregivers and her sick or injured roommate turtles. Celebrate the happy day she is released back into the open ocean – a healthy and happy turtle.

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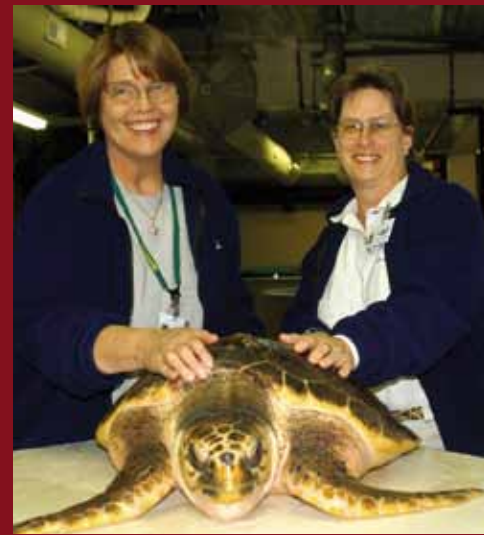
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Thanks to staff at the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book.

Donna Rathmell is the author of 16 cookbooks, four of which were *New York Times* best-sellers, *Carolina's Story*, and co-author of *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud*. As a volunteer exhibit guide at the South Carolina Aquarium, Donna was introduced to the world of sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation. Recalling an accident suffered by one of her daughters, the ambulance ride to the trauma center, and transfer to a Children's Hospital for emergency surgery, Donna equates the turtle's care to what hospitalized children go through.

Barbara J. Bergwerf's award-winning wildlife photos appear in *Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!* and *Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter*. A former Chicago Tribune Photographer, Barbara and her husband left the cold, windy city of Chicago for the warm, sunny beach off Charleston, SC. Barbara's commitment to nature is evident in her wildlife photography business and her donation of time and photographic skills to the Island Turtle Team on Isle of Palms, the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey.



Barbara and Donna with one of the recovering patients.

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This book is dedicated to the many people who devote hours of time caring for sea turtles and their nests and to those who rehabilitate sick and injured sea turtles. The photographer donates a portion of her royalties to the SC Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital. Thanks to staff at the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book.

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Includes "For Creative Minds" section with turtle fun facts and math games.

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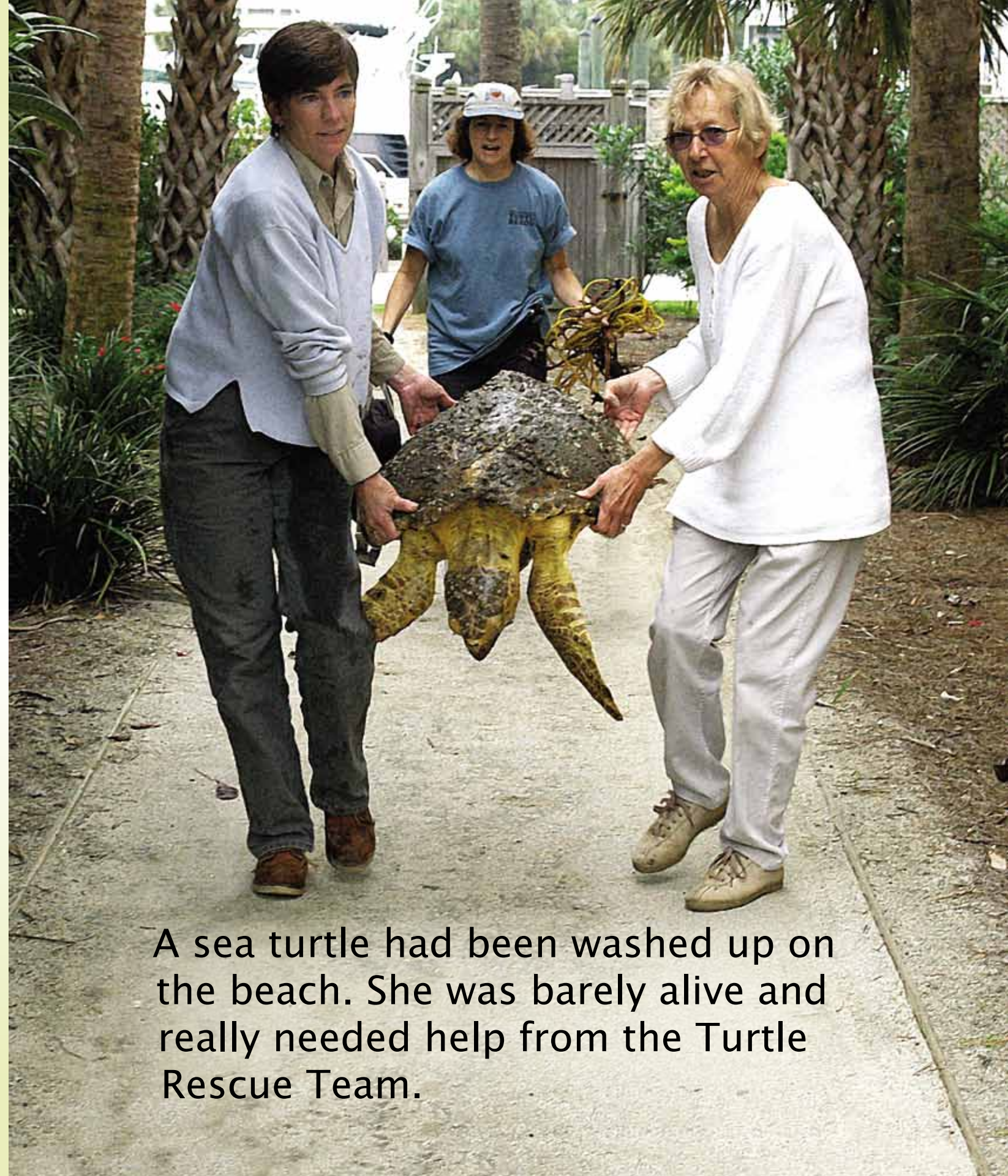
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A sea turtle had been washed up on the beach. She was barely alive and really needed help from the Turtle Rescue Team.


They took her by truck to the Sea Turtle Hospital where a team of people were waiting for her.

They named the turtle Carolina.



Dr. Tom took blood samples to see what was making Carolina so sick. He looked in her mouth — “Say ahhh.” She had life-threatening “turtle flu” and was lucky she was getting the help she would need.





Biologist Kelly gave Carolina a shower with a hose. The shower cleaned her shell (carapace) and helped to get her blood flowing.

Carolina did not feel well and just wanted to be left alone. She even felt too sick to try to crawl away.



The next day volunteers spent hours cleaning barnacles off Carolina's shell.

Carolina did not like the feel of the brushing and scraping.

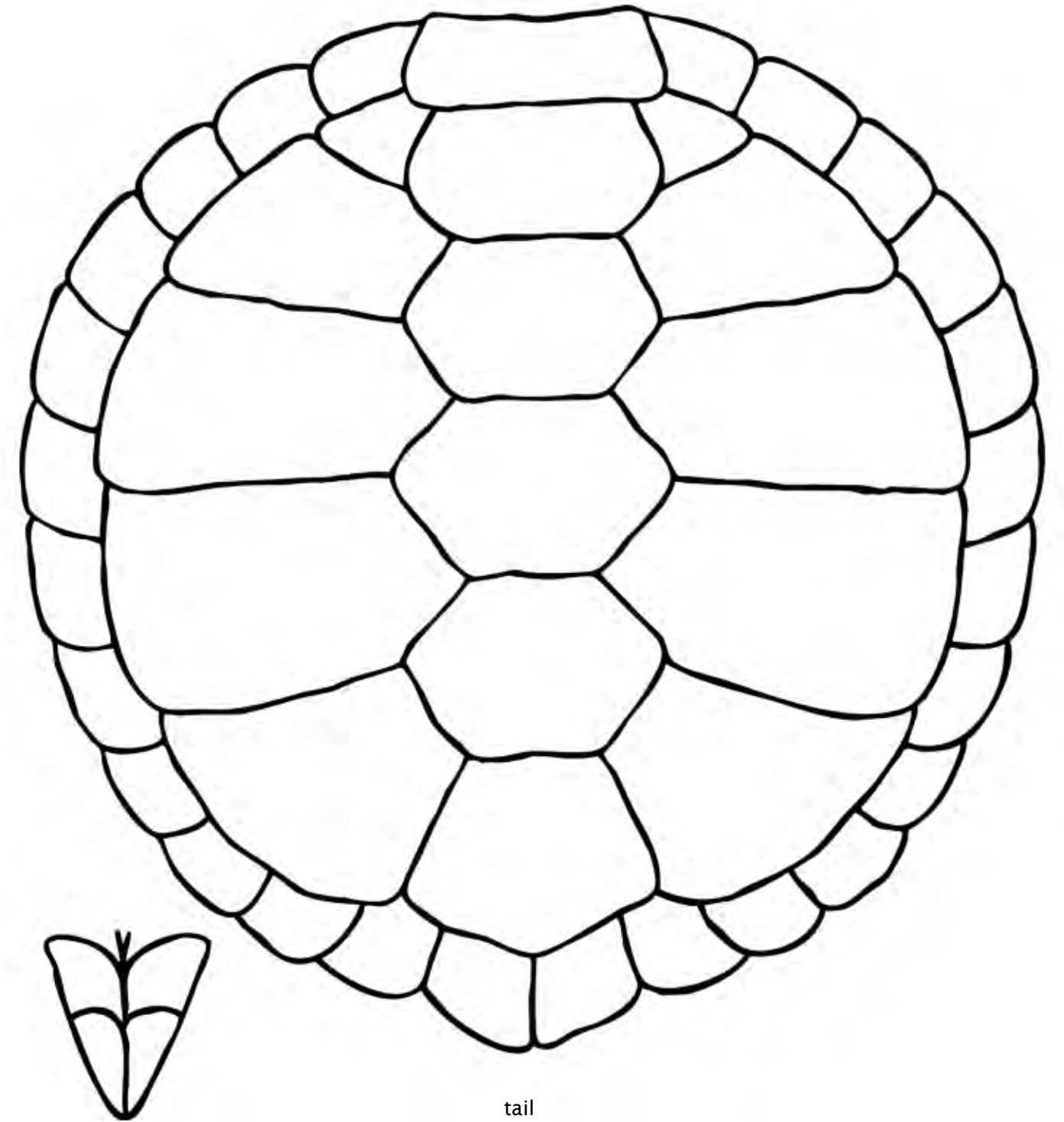
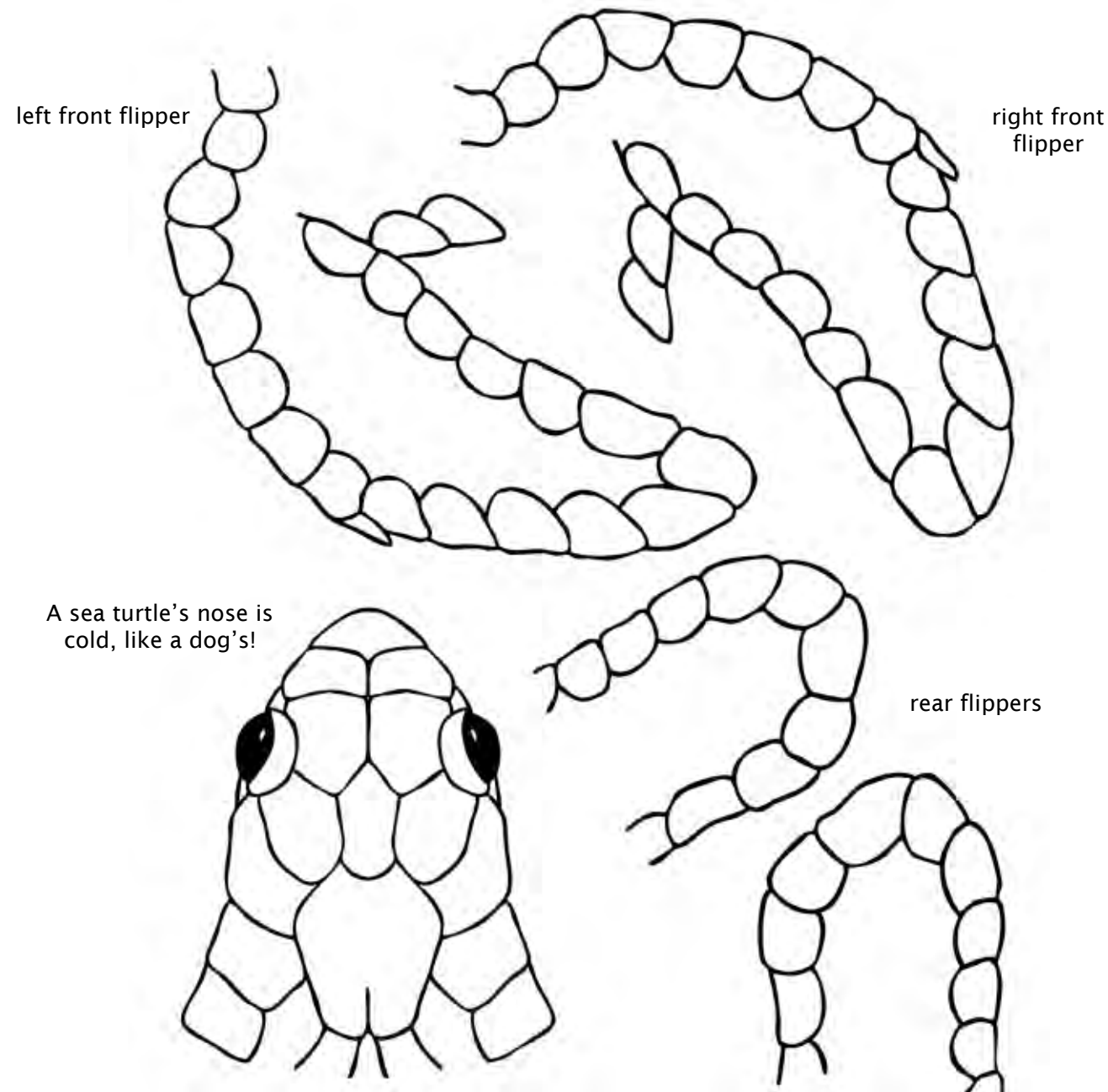
Then they rubbed antibiotic into her open sores.



Make your own Sea Turtle

Directions: Do not write or color in this book. Copy, trace, or download these pages from www.ArbordalePublishing.com. Color and cut out each piece, and tape them together. The shell may be taped or glued to a paper plate for extra stability, if desired.

Sea turtles have flippers to help them swim instead of claws and/or webbed feet, like other types of land and freshwater turtles. They use their front flippers for swimming and their back flippers for steering.



Note: The sea turtle craft illustrations are not scientifically accurate for a specific sea turtle.





Channel has surgery after being hit by a boat.



Hamlin, who was trapped in a fishing pot line, after surgery with an IV tube. Dr. Tom tied down his flipper so he wouldn't rip the stitches.



A healthy turtle donates blood for a sick turtle.

There were several other injured or sick sea turtles in the hospital with Carolina. All of the turtles seen here got better and went home to the ocean too!



Hamlin gets a splint.



Big Girl gets her back scratched just before her release.



Includes 4 pages of learning activities.

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