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Turtles at Puako, S Kohala

We have observed several adult
Turtles sunning themselves for the
duration of low tide daily on dry
pahoehoe lava rocks. No tags observed.

Is this normal behavior?

They are very tame, probably
originating at Mauna Lani and released
several years ago. They are oblivious
to humans and actually "tolerate"
barking dogs which I scare off at
any opportunity. This has been reported to ^{same} workers.

The visitors and residents alike
are charmed by these turtles who
have adopted our front yard "water"

I have also seen a Monk Seal
do the same thing here in '95. I conclude
our environment is attractive.

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