Reviewed December 2022 x Leopard tortoises need daily exposure to full spectrum lighting (including UV-b light). x Various UV lamps are available (see separate handout on lighting for reptiles), but for tortoises a lamp with a

high o utput (e.g. 10 -12%) sho uld be used to mimic the strong sunlight of their wild environment. x These can be mercury vapour lamps which give out heat as well as light or a separate UV-b bulb to ensure
that a larger area o f the enclosure is covered with light. Care sho uld be take n using m ercury v apo ur bulbs in a

small enclosure as tempe ratures may become too high and it can be difficult to maintain a wide range. x Lamps should be kept

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treatment at an affordable cost. There is normally an excess to pay for each condition then after that costs are 
covered up to a set limit. Once you have the policy, please provide us with a copy of your insurance details. There are 
a lot of different companies and policies available and we suggest you contact a number of them for information- we 
have a leaflet advising what to look out for. Our advice is to choose a policy which provides cover for chronic illness 
for the life of your pet. If this policy is too much for you then the best cover you can afford will provide piece of mind 
in an accident or emergency. 
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