

SHELL OF A
RESCUE
Turtle &
Tortoise Rescue





The start of SHELL of A Rescue

While working as an Animal Control Officer, I would pick up turtles and tortoises often. I was surprised by the lack of knowledge shelter staff had regarding the species, including myself. My husband and I took it upon ourselves to become educated and help staff properly care for the species. I adopted my first tortoise in 2011 along with two baby turtles later in the year. I was then asked to foster the turtles and tortoises that came into the shelter. At that point my husband and I came up with the idea of starting our own rescue.

Our mission

- To help turtles and tortoises find loving and forever homes.
- Provide proper care to as many turtle and tortoises as possible
- Educate the public and animal shelters on the different types of species and care.





How we do what we do...



Donations of food and veggies



Assistance from other rescues



Educate ourselves using the internet to read about specific species of turtles



Fundraisers to earn money for vet bills and supplies.

The difference between a turtle and a tortoise..

Turtles are aquatics and mostly live in water



Tortoises live on land





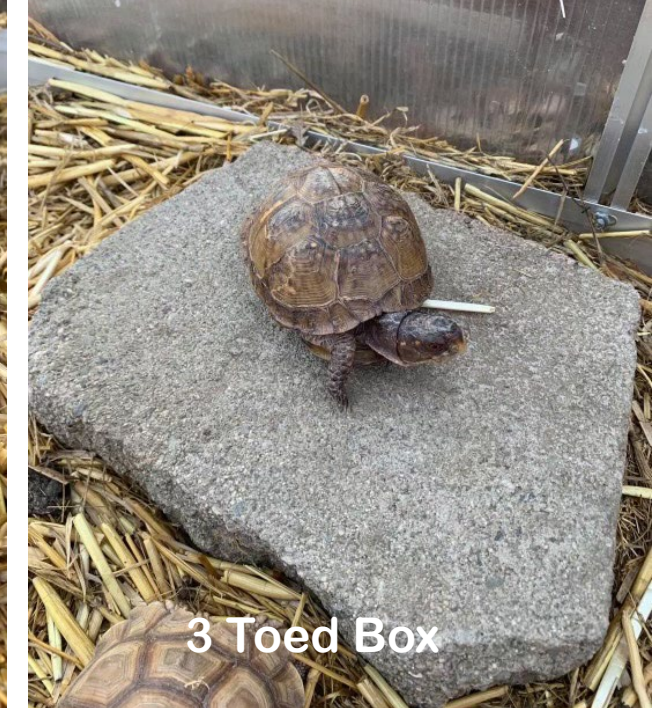
Leopard



Russian



Red Foot



3 Toed Box



Desert



Sulcata

Types of tortoises

Tortoises can have a life expectancy of 50-150 years in captivity.

Their diets consist of romaine lettuce, squash, cucumbers, carrots, alfalfa hay and grass.

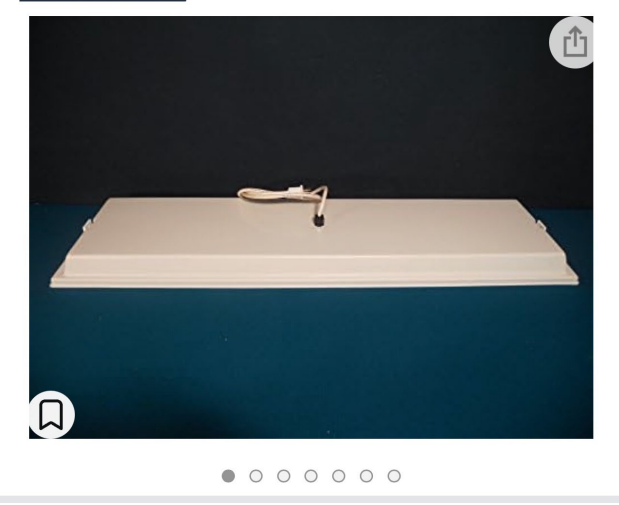
Red foot and Box tortoises mainly have a protein diet and will eat worms and bugs.

Fruits should only be given as occasional treats. Too much sugar is bad for a tortoise's dig.



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Caring for a tortoise

- During the warm season, each tortoise gets weekly soaks. Most tortoises will not drink water from a bowl and need to be mostly submerged to absorb water. They also get a lot of their water intake from their food.
- In the cold winter months, tortoises must have a consistent temperature of at least 68 degrees



Tortoise care continued..

- Green houses provide the perfect shelter. It allows for the heat and light to come in, without rain or cold.
- Hay or straw provide great bedding and areas to dig.
- Heat lamps provide warmth through the night.



Snapping



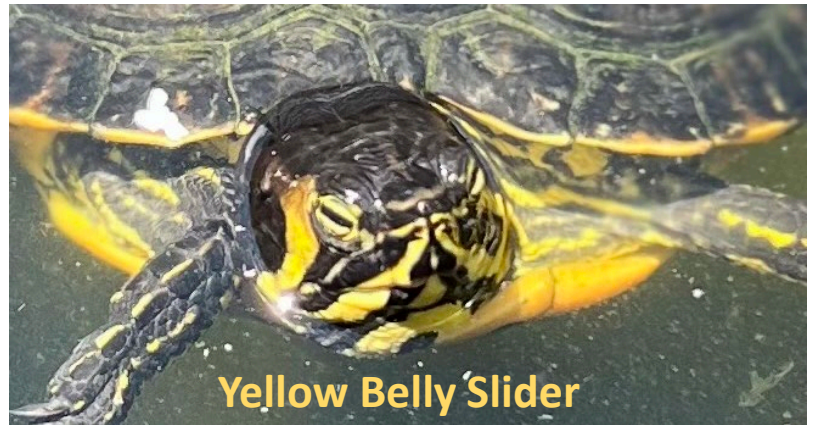
Mississippi Map



Red Eared Slider



Musk



Yellow Belly Slider



Soft Shell

Types of turtles

Turtles can live up to 40-50 years, with a snapping turtle living up to 100+ years. Their diets consist of turtle pellets, feeder fish and water bugs.

Caring for a turtle

- Large swimming area
- Water movement
- Basking area
- Protection from the cold
- Turtle pellets, warms, bugs
- A really really really good filter and pump system.
- Monthly filter cleanouts



Injured Tortoise

This little guy was brought to us after being attacked by the family dog. We took him to the vet where he was provided with pain medication and antibiotics. The vet also said he would need reconstructive surgery. We started a fun raiser and earned \$500 to put towards vet bills. Unfortunately, he took a turn for the worse and had to be humanely euthanized.





Tortoise fun

Even though it takes a lot of work and time to run the rescue and care for all the animals, we still have fun as much as we can.

Its very rewarding taking a tortoise out of bad environment and watching it thrive with the care we provide it.