

African Spur-thigh Tortoise

Geochelone sulcata

Distribution: Sahara, Africa

Size: Up to 30"

Natural habitat This common tortoise occupies savannas and scrublands. Adults are best kept in an outdoor enclosure measuring 20' x 30' x 3' with access to a heated enclosure.

Behavior: Docile and friendly, easy to handle. Provide dark hiding places for proper captive care.

Captive environment: Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day. Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide an uncluttered enclosure with maximum floor space.

Temperature: Day temperature should be gradient from 78 to 90 degrees F. Maintain night temperature range between 70-75 degrees F. Use reptile heating pads under tank for 24-hour heat.

Humidity: This species requires low to moderate levels of humidity.

Water requirements: Provide a large shallow bowl for drinking and soaking.

Nutritional requirements: An herbivore with 80 percent of diet alfalfa hay. Likes dark greens (collard, mustard, turnip, dandelions). Feed beets, spinach, cabbage, and/or kale in small amounts. Supplement leafy diet with (squash, sprouts, and zucchini). 10-15% of diet may include fruits (papayas, mangos, figs).

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