

Russian Tortoise

Testudo horsfieldi

Distribution: Central Asia

Size: 5" - 6"

Natural habitat A common occupant of the grassland habitat found in Central Asia. When in captivity, this species does best in an enclosure measuring 3' x 2' x 2'.

Behavior: Docile and friendly, easy to handle. Hibernation is required for proper captive care.

Captive environment: Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide dark hiding places for this species. 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 65-75 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: This species is an herbivore (plant eater). 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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