

red foot tortoise care sheet



habitat

Appropriate size terrarium with secure lid. Provide a shaded hiding area. These tortoises like to burrow. Mulch type material, pelleted, or moss-type substrate. If tortoise eats their substrate switch to something they cannot eat like cage carpet. Chlorine-free water should be provided in a shallow container large enough for the tortoise to soak in and drink from. Water must be available at all times and changed daily.

lighting

Provide 12-14 hours of light daily. Use a UVB bulb with full spectrum.

temperature

Daytime 82F to 88F. Basking up to 95F. Nighttime above 60F. Humidity should range from 70 to 90%, in dry climates use a mist spray.

diet

Feed fresh vegetables like kale, carrots, squash and tomatoes. Vegetables should be chopped into small pieces. Sprinkle food with calcium. If using commercial canned and pelleted tortoise food it should be no more than 50% of turtle's daily diet. Feed once a day.

shopping list

- glass aquarium (10 - 40 gal)
- food supplements
- food and water dish
- vitamin and calcium supplement
- hiding box
- incandescent light or ceramic heater
- misting bottle
- full spectrum fluorescent light
- undertank heater
- thermometer
- humidity gauge
- book about tortoises

fun facts

average size

9 to 12 inches

average life span

50+ years

misc. information

will become tame with gentle handling

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