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Hermann's Tortoise

- Scientific Name: Testudo hermanni
- Origin: Southern Europe
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 5-8 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 75 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Herbivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 40-60%

Equipment and housing

•Housing: Tortoise Table's are perfect, though you can also use vivariums with appropriate ventilation and lighting. As an adult, we recommend a 4ft x 3ft floor area

• Heating & Lighting: These animals require zone 3 UVB. This can be achieved by use of T5 lighting or bulbs such as the solar glow or mercury vapour. Basking spot lamps should also be used and can be set using a dimming thermostat.

Temperatures within the enclosure should be as noted here –

Background Temp: 21°C-25°C (69°F-77°F)

HOT Spot: 30°C-32°C (86°F-90°F)

Night-Time Temp: 18°C-21°C (65°F-70°F)

• Substrate: various beddings are available such as HabistatTortoise Bedding, beech chip and herp husk.

• Water: Fresh water should always be available to the animal in a shallow dish. This will prevent the tortoise from being stuck or drowning.

• Decoration and hides: these additions will give your tortoise places to hide and sleep. You can decorate the enclosure to your liking.

FOOD

A Hermann's Tortoise is a leafy greens, weeds, flowers, and vegetable eating species, with a little fruit being given as a rare treat. Here is a list of safe tortoise food for you to consider. **dandelion, clover, honeysuckle, leafy salads, watercress, curly kale, brussel tops, spring greens, coriander, parsley, rocket, carrot, parsnip, courgette and bell peppers.**

You may also give your tortoise prepared tortoise food such as pellets.

SUPPLIMENTATION

Hermann tortoise need additional supplementation. This can be done by adding a sprinkle of calcium to its food. You can also add tortoise blocks or cuttlefish.

Maintenance

Tortoise may require nail trimming and beak filing over time. This is a service that we offer our customers. You may also be able to have this done at a local vet's.

Water bowl should be tipped up daily and disinfected weekly.

You can also spot clean the enclosure daily. We recommend changing the substrate and giving the enclosure a deep clean monthly.

Fresh food should be offered daily.

When cleaning, use a reptile safe disinfectant.

Handling

Handle your tortoise regularly so that it gets used to you and feels confident.

Children should be assisted by competent adult when handling to prevent injury to the animal.

Always wash your hands after handling reptiles.

For further information, please contact Racks4Reptiles