

The Ultimate Guide to Red-Footed Tortoises in Captivity by Amanda Ebenhack

Red-footed tortoises (*Chelonoidis carbonaria*) are a species of tortoise native to South America. They are known for their vibrant coloration, which includes a red or orange head and neck, a black carapace (shell), and yellow legs and feet. Red-footed tortoises are relatively docile and easy to care for, making them a popular choice for pet reptiles.



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Diet

Red-footed tortoises are omnivores, which means that they eat both plants and animals. In the wild, their diet consists mainly of fruits, vegetables, leaves, and insects. In captivity, you can feed your tortoise a variety of fresh foods, such as:

- Fruits: apples, bananas, berries, cantaloupe, grapes, mangoes, melons, oranges, pears, pineapples, strawberries, tomatoes, watermelon

- Vegetables: broccoli, carrots, celery, corn, dandelion greens, escarole, green beans, kale, lettuce, mustard greens, peas, sweet potatoes
- Leaves: clover, dandelion leaves, hibiscus leaves, mulberry leaves
- Insects: crickets, dubia roaches, mealworms, waxworms

It is important to note that red-footed tortoises should not be fed dog or cat food, as this can lead to health problems. You should also avoid feeding your tortoise any foods that are high in fat or sugar.

Housing

Red-footed tortoises need a spacious enclosure that is at least 4 feet by 8 feet. The enclosure should be made of a durable material, such as wood, metal, or plastic. The enclosure should also have a secure lid to prevent your tortoise from escaping.

The enclosure should be divided into two sections: a warm side and a cool side. The warm side should be kept at a temperature of 80-90 degrees Fahrenheit, while the cool side should be kept at a temperature of 70-80 degrees Fahrenheit. You can use a heat lamp or a heat mat to maintain the desired temperature.

The enclosure should also have a variety of hiding places, such as caves, logs, and plants. This will give your tortoise a place to retreat to when it feels scared or threatened.

Health Care

Red-footed tortoises are generally healthy animals, but they are susceptible to a variety of health problems, such as:

- Respiratory infections
- Shell rot
- Eye infections
- Parasitic infections
- Nutritional deficiencies

It is important to take your tortoise to a veterinarian for regular checkups to ensure that it is healthy. Your veterinarian can also provide you with advice on how to prevent and treat health problems.

Red-footed tortoises are beautiful and fascinating creatures that can make great pets. However, it is important to do your research before bringing one of these animals home. By providing your tortoise with the proper care, you can help it live a long and healthy life.

Additional Resources

- Red-Footed Tortoise Care Sheet
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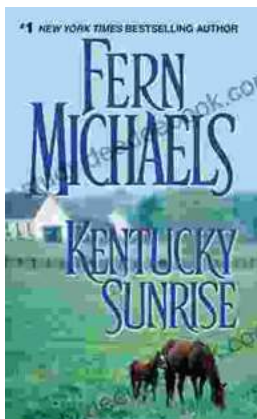


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