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RUSSIAN TORTOISE

Testudo horsfieldi

ORIGIN: Russian tortoises are native to central Asia from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, south- and eastward through Iran to western China. They are adapted to the harsh desert environment with rocky soil and sparse vegetation.

SIZE: Russian tortoises reach an average adult length of 6-8 inches.

CAGING: Russian tortoises may be kept in outdoor pens in many climates. Indoors, they require a cage that has at least 8 square feet of floor space. A 55-gallon aquarium is large enough to house up to three adult tortoises.

SUBSTRATE: Russian tortoises can be kept on a variety of substrates including sand, mulch, straw, gravel, alfalfa and newspaper pellets.

TEMPERATURE: Russian tortoises should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 75°F at one end of the cage to 85°F at the other. This is easily achieved by placing a heat lamp at one end of the enclosure.

LIGHT: Russian tortoises require full-spectrum lighting to properly synthesize calcium and other vitamins. This can be provided with a variety of commercial light bulbs made for reptiles.

WATER: Russian tortoises obtain most of their water from the food they eat. However, they should be provided with fresh, clean water in a small, shallow dish at all times.

DIET: There are currently a wide variety of commercial tortoise diets on the market which greatly facilitate tortoise husbandry. If a commercial diet is not used, Russian tortoises should be fed a mixture of high fiber greens (grasses, weeds, and clovers) and dark, leafy greens (turnip greens, mustard greens). Fruit and other vegetables with high moisture content should be offered on a limited basis. A vitamin and mineral supplement powder for reptiles should be used weekly.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Enclosure as detailed above
- Heat lamp
- UV emitting light
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature at both ends of enclosure
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about Russian tortoise husbandry
- Shallow water dish
- Vitamin and mineral supplement

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Artificial rock
- Decorative cage background

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