

APPLICATION TO ADOPT A TURTLE OR TORTOISE

Answer the following questions completely and carefully. Remember you are representing yourself as someone who wants to adopt an animal from someone else. The more information you give, the better informed the person looking for the new home will be. Be honest. Information marked "Public Record" will be available to donors wishing to place animals with you.

There are two required steps to submitting an application for approval.

Step 1_ Fill out your application by printing and filling in the answers

Step 2 _ Mail the completed application along with photographs or a video of your enclosures to:

Turtle Homes

PO Box 126

Okeechobee, FL 34973-0126

Note: E_mail applications are not considered for adoptions anymore

Turtle Homes Adoption Application

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone (mandatory): _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____

(this information is given to adopter to help them place their pets with potential adopt)

1. What species of turtle and/or tortoise do you currently keep?

1a What species of turtle or tortoise would you like to adopt?

2. How long have you been keeping each species?

3. What other animals do you keep in your household? Do you own a dog? If so how do you keep your dog from getting to your turtles and tortoises?

4. Do you live in a house, apartment, co_op or condo?

5. Do you own a yard?

5a. Is your yard fenced?

6. Describe in detail your setup (enclosure). Include details about lighting, space, heat, plants, water, substrate, diet, and your care routine for each species. (Please describe in detail). If you have a seasonal setup such as an outdoor pen for warm months and an indoor pen for cold months please include both.

7. If you have an outside enclosure, how do you protect it from predators and other animals?

8. Do you own a pond? (For aquatic turtles only)

Yes/ No

8a. If so, how large and describe your filter system in detail.

9. List the specific species of turtle or tortoise you wish to adopt. Do not write "Anything Aquatic" or "Any land tortoise." You need to specifically name the turtle or tortoise you are interested in.
Please specify sex if you have a preference.

10. Are you willing to captive breed?

Yes/ No

10a. If so, What species have you kept or bred successfully in the past?

11. Have you ever sold a turtle or tortoise? If the answer is yes, was it a captive bred animal? Please include all details surrounding the sale.

12. Have you ever adopted a turtle or tortoise from another reptile rescue? If yes, which one? Please include the approximate date.

13. Please provide the name, address and phone number of your veterinarian. Your application will be rejected if this is left blank. If you do not have a vet, you must find one in your area that accepts turtles and tortoises.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Telephone: _____

14. Please provide one reference other than someone living in your home that can verify the information that you have submitted to us. You must provide a phone number, an email address will not suffice. This is mandatory.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Telephone: _____

Photograph of Setup (enclosure) is mandatory!

15. I understand that without a photograph, my application will be rejected.

Yes /No

Details and Agreements of Application

Failure to provide all information required will cause your applications to be rejected. A photograph and a reference are mandatory. It may take up to 4 weeks to process your application. You will receive an email message when it has been processed and approved. Once your application has been processed you will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the species you declared (see question #9). If you haven't specified a species or you write "Any turtle or tortoise" you will not be placed on any lists. We expect you to have chosen a species and done your research on the care requirements before you apply for an animal. We do expect you to be set up for the turtle or tortoise before you receive it.

We do accept beginners who show they are aware of the requirements and obligations of caring for a turtle or tortoise.

16. Are you under the age of 18? If so you must have a parent sign this application and expect a phone call to verify that you have permission to adopt.

Yes/ No

17. Statement of Understanding

You have been made aware that it is against the Turtle Homes policy to resell any adopted reptile. If you are no longer able to care for the turtle or tortoise within 3 years of ownership it must be returned to Turtle Homes.

It is against Turtle Homes policy to breed Sulcata, Red Eared Sliders or common snappers due to the numbers that are found in rescues and the difficulty finding permanent placement for these species. Turtle Homes encourages the captive breeding of all other species. Sales of CB hatchlings from adopted animals are at the sole discretion of the owners.

You have been made aware that if you are caught selling adopted turtles and tortoises that you will be banned from future adoption.

Information in the application will only be shared with Alliance Organizations who have turtles and tortoises for adoption. No personal information will be sold or shared with the public without previous permission each time it is shared. If you are caught selling adopted turtles and tortoises the incident will be immediately shared with the Alliance Organizations associated with Turtle Homes (please see the Alliance organization listing in the Alliance area of this website).

You are responsible for knowing your own state's laws regarding captive keeping of reptiles and abide by those laws. Information on laws can be found in the information section of this website, under State Agencies.

Signature: _____

Parental Signature if applicable _____

Disclaimer

It is the responsibility of the shipper to obtain a health certificate from a veterinarian when sending sulcata tortoises across state lines.