

HOW TO



keep TURTLES

We stock several varieties of turtle, all are dwarf species and will grow no bigger than 6" across the shell. They originate from the United States, but only captive bred and reared hatchlings are purchased.



Red Bellied Turtle



Painted Turtle



Mississippi Map Turtle

DIET:-

Prepared dry turtle food is perfectly adequate and can be fed once daily into the aquarium. Any uneaten food should be removed to help prevent additional fouling to the water.

Vary your turtle's diet as dry food can be a little boring. Live food, such as Bloodworm and frozen Turtle Food is more appetizing and juicy! They also enjoy Lance fish which can be purchased in a frozen form. Real plants add interest as well as being a tasty snack.

Alternatively, the use of a separate feeding dish/play arena is advised, where your turtle can enjoy a meal without fouling its home. Regular interaction with your turtle is recommended; they tame up and respond to their owners affections quite easily.

Always wash your hands before and after handling, as turtles can transmit salmonella.

HOUSING:-

Turtles should be kept indoors in a heated aquarium. Semi-aquatic turtles are baskers and strong swimmers. We advise deep clean water for swimming and an above water basking site, warmed and illuminated by a UV reptile bulb.

The aquarium water requires filtration and frequent partial water changes, as poor water quality can lead to sickly turtles. Shell rot is quite common in this situation. We also recommend adding some calcium to the water on a regular basis; this helps the turtle in the rejuvenation of its shell. If provided with the correct housing and a good diet, turtles, which are a hardy species, make excellent pets.