



Horsfield Tortoise



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Testudo horsfieldii*
- Origin: Central Asia
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 5 to 10 inches
- Life Span: 75 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Herbivore
- Handling: Beginner

TOP TIPS

- ✓ To keep your Horsfield Tortoise stimulated, vary their food
- ✓ Avoid high protein foods, to prevent rapid shell growth and deformation
- ✓ Make sure to add a water bowl that is not too deep and is easy to access
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning
- ✓ Provide a moist area

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Tortoise Table
- Heating & Lighting: Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Lamp 100w
- Substrate: HabiStat Tortoise Bedding
- Water: HabiStat Tortoise Pool

HOUSING



HabiStat Tortoise Table (HTTO / HTTBT)

RUNNING COSTS



- Average Cost: 37p Per Day
- Average kW per day: 1.309

Calculations are based on using the recommended timings, heating, and lighting provided throughout the care sheet, and the Electricity unit rate of 28p per kWh.

ENVIRONMENT



Tortoise Table Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: 32°C (90°F)
- Background Temp: 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-23°C (64°F-73°F)
- Humidity: 40%-50%
- UVI: 3-4

Heating

Horsfield Tortoises are a diurnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

The HabiStat Tortoise Accessory Kit (HSTTAK) provides all the light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit. Use the Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder Ceramic (RARMG160) with the Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Lamp (RSMA100E27).

Please note, the Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Lamp can't be used through a thermostat.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly, using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances, providing a UVI of 3-4.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Habistat Tortoise Bedding (HSTB10), Habistat Repti-Turf (HSHF10)
- Habistat Cork Bark (HDCB5) and various rocks embedded into the substrate will offer enrichment within the enclosure.
- The use of Habistat Sphagnum Moss (HSM1) in the covered area of the Tortoise Table and keeping the moss slightly damp will provide a humid retreat for the Tortoise to use as needed.

DIET & WATER

Ensure a Horsfield Tortoise has a varied diet, with a mixture of fresh weeds, flowers, plants, and leafy greens.

Arcadia Optimised52 (RAREPO250) can also be fed daily using 1 tile per 400g of body weight.

Young/Juvenile/Adult offer a varied diet daily such as –

- A handful of fresh weeds, flowers, leafy greens, daily
- Or, 1 tile of Arcadia Optimised52 (RAREPO20) per 400g of body weight
- Habistat Tortoise Food (HSTFM200) as a complementary treat a few times a month

Always provide a source of fresh water. The Habistat Tortoise Pool (HRRDTPM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as Habistat Pure Calcium (HMC40), Habistat Reptavite (HMRV40), Habistat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREPI00) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

ADDITIONAL INFO

A Horsfield Tortoise will benefit from a moist/humid area, make sure to keep the moss slightly damp.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your animal healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.

HANDLING & CARE



While this species is generally placid and will tolerate gentle handling, this can at times be very stressful for the animal, so any handling should only be done in short periods.

Things to look out for that will need a veterinary assistance:

- Eyes discolouration or not opening
- Going off food
- Loose bowel movements
- Overly long beak

Should your animal display any signs of distress, changes in regular behaviour, or anything visually different, please seek help from your Reptile Veterinarian.

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DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp 32°C (90°F)	Background Temp 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)	Humidity Day 40%-50%	UVI 3-4	Night Time Temp 18°C-23°C (64°F-73°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						