



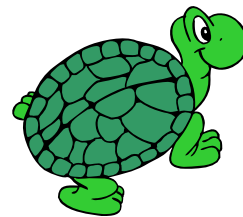
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Congratulations on the purchase of your New Eastern Longneck Tortoise From Passion for Pets

You can expect many years of enjoyment from these new and unusual pets. To assist you with this and to help you give the best of care to your new Tortoise we have provided the following information.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SET UP A TORTOISE TANK

- 3ft or larger aquarium
- Aquarium Foam
- Aquarium Stand
- Aquarium Hood
- Turtle Deck or Driftwood
- Heater
- Filter
- Clamp Lamp
- Basking Globe
- Reflector
- Reptile Tube
- Turtle Neutraliser Block
- Chlorine Neutraliser
- Waste Control Formula
- Turtle Pellets
- Frozen Turtle Food
- Aquarium Background



SETTING UP YOUR TORTOISE TANK

1. Select a position for your tank that will have filtered sunlight.
2. Fill the tank with a minimum depth of 30cm.
3. Add your Chlorine Neutraliser, Waste Control and Turtle block to the water.
4. Set your heater to 24 - 28°C and situate it along the back wall of the tank ensuring that it is fully submerged and allow extra water coverage for evaporation.
5. Situate your filter in the corner next to the heater.


6. Position the turtle dock or drift wood, make sure your turtle has plenty of room to bask on top of it.
7. Insert the basking globe into the clamp lamp and attach the clamp lamp to the tank pointing it towards the turtle dock.
8. Place your tortoise in the tank.
9. Place the cover glass on top of the front half of the aquarium.
10. Put the Reptile tube in the reflector. Place the reflector on top of the back half of the tank. Make sure there is no glass under the reflector.
11. Place the aquarium hood over the top of the tank.
12. Decorate the back of the tank with the aquarium background.

You can also put a thin layer of aquarium gravel along the bottom of the tank if you wish. Thoroughly rinse the gravel first to remove any dust. There are also plastic vine plants, which can hang down into the tank to create a real jungle feel.

PURCHASING YOUR TORTOISE

Your friendly Passion for Pets staff member can help you choose your new tortoise. A 3ft tank is the minimum length for a tortoise to live in but it is big enough to house two tortoises in. At Passion for Pets we hand feed all of our tortoises so they are very friendly and not at all shy. Be aware that if you choose a female she will lay eggs, so she will require extra calcium added to her diet at this time.

ARRIVING HOME

Your Passion for Pets staff member will place your tortoise  in a carry box to travel home. Introduce your tortoise to its new home and wait until he is comfortable before offering his first meal.

FEEDING

Eastern Long Neck Tortoises are omnivores and will enjoy a varied diet. Your tortoise must be in the water while feeding, as they cannot swallow when they are on dry land. We recommend feeding a turtle pellet in conjunction with frozen turtle food, crickets, woodies, earthworms, mealworms and small live fish. Calcium powder can be sprinkled on the food first before giving it to your tortoise. Your tortoise will also enjoy some lettuce as well. After your tortoise has finished eating remove any uneaten food to prevent spoiling.



LIGHTING

Your tortoise requires a Reptile tube to provide its UVA & UVB requirements. It is important that your reflector with the Reptile tube is not positioned on top of glass as, the glass filters out all of the UVA & UVB. UVA & UVB are essential for normal bone and shell growth. The addition of a Turtle Block helps to give calcium and help control the pH levels. A basking light is also required to provide heat and additional UV.

HIBERNATION

When keeping a tortoise as an indoor pet it is essential not to allow it to hibernate. Outdoor tortoises naturally stop eating around the beginning of April and then go into hibernation until November. In an indoor environment the tortoise may start to hibernate without fasting first. This leads to death as when the temperature drops and the tortoise becomes colder its metabolism stops and whatever food is left in the stomach stops being digested. This causes the food to rot and inturn poisons the tortoise and leads to its death.



This is why you need to keep your tortoises water and tank heated at all times.

TANK MAINTENCE

Using a gravel cleaner you should siphon 1/3 of the water out and replace it with fresh water once a week. Always add your water treatments before emptying it into the tank. At the same time you will need to wash your filter pads, these will need to be replaced monthly. Using a net be sure to remove all uneaten food to prevent it from spoiling.

Replace your turtle neutraliser block as it dissolves.

TEMPERATURE

Your tortoise requires a temperature of around 24 - 28°C. If you place a thermometer in your tortoise's water you will be able to accurately monitor the temperature. If the water temperature rises above 28°C particularly in the summer months you can turn your heater off until it drops back down. The basking light should be kept on during summer, as your tortoise still needs to receive the UV light daily.



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LIFESPAN

The long neck tortoise can live up to 50 years or more. As an adult they reach up to 30cm in length on average though most are around 15 - 20cm long.

CONTACT US

Our friendly staff are always available to answer your questions so please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

