



# Russian Tortoise

*Testudo Horsfiddi Syn*



## What is the history of my relationship to man?

Russian Tortoise are popular as pets. They adapt to captivity well and are very hardy

### Habitat / Climate

Dry area with sparse vegetation.

### Where am I from? .

The Russian Tortoise ranges from Afghanistan to north western China.

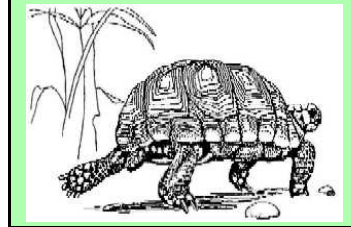


### Other family members:

African Spurred Tortoise

### Who are my relatives?

Desert Tortoise, Leopard Tortoise, Yellow legged Tortoise



### Breeding Potential

Clutch size 2-6 eggs

### How am I born?

In early spring the female lays 2-6 eggs. She may lay up to 3 additional clutches in the same season. Eggs incubate for 80 to 110 days in the wild. Hatchling emerge in August.

up to 18 eggs a year

### Breeding Season

### How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live?

Growth is slow with this Tortoise. They reach sexual maturity at 10 years , they are considered full grow at 20 to 30 years.

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### What kind of family life do I have?

They are active into July then slow down because of the hotter weather. The Tortoise only comes out of its burrow at dawn and dusk. Many of the Tortoise spend the summer in estivation( dormancy ), coming out at the end of summer to feed prior to hibernation

### Names for:

Young -hatchling

### What do I eat and when do I eat?

I eat grasses, twigs ,Flowers, fruits. During the rainy season the Tortoise will drink from water puddles but during the dry season it relies on water from the plants it eats.

### Who are my predators?

Man use this Tortoise for food also for the pet trade. It is also killed due to farming and warfare in the regions it comes from



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