

APPLICATION FOR ADOPTING A DESERT TORTOISE

Please note that desert tortoises are available for adoption April 1 – September 30

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Alt. phone _____ Email _____

Closest MAJOR cross streets to your home (e.g. Thomas & Central): _____

Have you ever cared for a desert tortoise? Yes ___ No ___; If yes, do you still have the tortoise in your possession? Yes ___ No ___

If not, what became of it? _____

Will the tortoise be used for educational purposes? Yes ___ No ___; If yes please explain _____

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and any state sanctioned adoption facility make a good faith effort to place only healthy desert tortoises. At the time of the adoption, it becomes the responsibility of the adoptee to provide for the needs of the animal.

I understand that I will be responsible for the safety and well being of the desert tortoise, including any necessary veterinary care. Further, I agree to comply with all State regulations relating to taking and handling of wildlife (including A.R.S. § 17-306 and Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rule R12-4-407).

Signature _____ Date _____

WHEN YOUR ENCLOSURE AND SHELTER ARE COMPLETED, PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION:

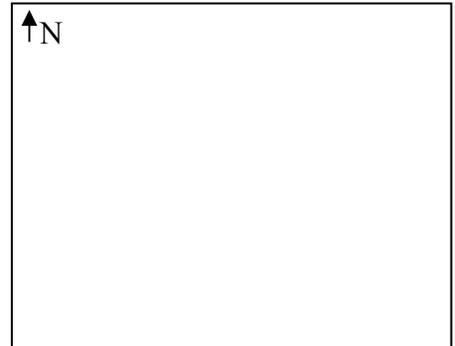
Describe your yard and the enclosure (size, topography, plants, shade).

Include a diagram of your backyard (use box at right).

Describe your fencing (height, footing depth, construction materials).

Describe the burrow (construction materials, size).

Send six to seven (6-7) photographs (one each of the: backyard/enclosure, burrow, water dish, food source, shade source, fence material, and security measures – if enclosure is gated).



Return photos, information, and application via email to TAP@azgfd.gov or U.S. Mail the nearest adoption facility:

Bullhead City, Kingman, Lake Havasu, Phoenix, and Yuma:

Arizona Game and Fish Department, ATTN: TAP, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85086; (623) 236-7202 or Toll-Free (844) 896-5730

Prescott: Heritage Park Zoo, 1403 Heritage Park Road, Prescott, AZ 86301, (928) 778-4242

Tucson: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, ATTN: TAP, 2021 North Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85743, (520) 883-3062

You may be asked to contribute a small monetary donation to cover the costs of the adoption program.

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Application Rec'd:

Adoption Date:

Response Date:

PIT Tag No. (if applicable):

Application Approval Date: