

## ***Fun and Interesting facts (Tortoise )***

### ***1. Did you know tortoises hold their breath for a long time?***

*Tortoises have the ability to hold their breath for a long time, due to their high tolerance for carbon dioxide.*

### ***2. Do you know which is the most popular domestic tortoise species?***

*The sulcata tortoise is the most popular domesticated tortoise of all the species of tortoise. It is the third-biggest species of tortoise. The sulcata tortoise species can survive more than 100 years. The approximate weight of a sulcata tortoise is 200 pounds.*

### ***3. Do you know from which language the word tortoise is derived?***

*The word tortoise is actually derived from the Latin word, Tortus. Tortus means twisted. The name tortoise may be due to its unique feature: bent legs. They can manage to live life on land because of their sturdy legs. Tortoises' forelegs are like an elephant's legs. Their posterior legs look like pillars. The arrangement helps them with movement on land. The legs of tortoises have sharp claws which help them to dig and move to different territories.*

### ***4. Do you know why tortoises have a low survival rate?***

*The survival rate of tortoises is very low. The reason behind such a low birth rate is that as soon as eggs hatch, they are eaten by birds and other predators. One reason behind this is that adult tortoises do not take care of baby tortoises and eggs.*

### ***5. Do you know to which family the tortoise belongs?***

*They belong to the family Testudinidae. These are found in nearly all regions of the world except Australia and Antarctica.*

### ***6. Do you know under which class tortoises come?***

*The tortoise belongs to the reptile class.*

## ***References***

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