

Fun and Interesting facts (Some facts about the tortoise)

1. Why are tortoises able to hold their breath for a long time?

Tortoises have large lungs that hold a larger amount of oxygen. Also, they have a low metabolic rate, which reduces oxygen requirement. They can tolerate high amount of carbon dioxide as compared to other vertebrates because their respiratory systems are less sensitive to excess amounts of 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 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.

5. Do you know under which class tortoises come?

The tortoise belongs to the reptile class.

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