California Turtle & Tortoise Club
DESERT TORTOISE ADOPTION APPLICATION

Club Use Only
Date Received ___/___/_____
Date Adopted ___/___/_____
ID#/Chapter _____
CA D of F&W # _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address & Street _____

City _____ Zip Code Telephone: _____

E-mail _____

Residence type: House ☐; Condo ☐; Apartment ☐; Other _____

You are completing an application to adopt a desert tortoise. If you wish to adopt another type of turtle or tortoise, please use our CTTC adoption application form.

What size? Hatchling ☐; Juvenile ☐; Adult male ☐; Adult female ☐

Do you currently have a desert tortoise? If so, please list all:

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Have you had a desert tortoise in the past? Yes ☐ ; No ☐ ; if yes, what happened to it?

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Why do you want to adopt a desert tortoise? _____

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Are there children in your household? _____ Please list ages _____

Desert tortoises should not be handled any more than necessary and never by young children. Children playing in the yard may disturb a desert tortoise and must be supervised accordingly.

Do you have any dogs? _____ Will the desert tortoise be in the same area? Yes ☐; No ☐

Many dogs behave well around desert tortoises, but biting and chewing are common instincts dogs have that are dangerous to desert tortoises. Dogs **must not** be left unattended with desert tortoises.

Will the desert tortoise be kept indoors ☐ ; or outdoors ☐ ?

What size habitat is the area for the desert tortoise (length by width = square feet) _____

Do you have a swimming pool? Yes ☐; No ☐. If yes, is the pool fenced to prevent a desert tortoise from falling in? Yes ☐; No ☐

Is your yard completely fenced? Yes ☐; No ☐; What kind of fencing? _____

Wooden or chain-link fences should touch the ground to stop a tortoise from digging out. Chain-link fences should have 12 inch high visual barrier secured around the base to prevent a desert tortoise from seeing through and getting caught in the wire.

We recommend there be a permanent barrier across the base of all gate openings. The barrier should be at least 12 inches high so that a desert tortoise cannot see through or climb over. The barrier should remain in place when the gate is open or closed.

Sun, shade, and a safe and dry area for housing and brumation (hibernation) - *if applicable,* for the desert tortoise must be available throughout the year.

Is water available so that a desert tortoise has easy access in and out to bathe and/or drink? Yes☐; No☐
The container should be in shade and level with the ground. Flat rocks, bricks, etc. placed on the ground will help keep mud out of the dish.

Are growing grasses and weeds available for the tortoise? Yes ☐; No ☐

Are you aware of the nutritional needs of a desert tortoise? Yes☐ ; No☐

Have you read through the appropriate care-sheet? Yes ☐; No ☐
You can find CTTC care sheets and other information online at **www.tortoise.org**

Do you agree not to use any pesticides, fertilizers or weed killers within reach of the desert tortoise? Yes ☐; No ☐

You will need to make arrangements for the care of the desert tortoise while you are away for long periods of time. Also, remember desert tortoises may out live you. Therefore, arrangements for their future care should be considered.

All KNOWN health issues will be disclosed by the Chapter prior to the adoptee receiving the animal. Once the adoptee(s) take physical possession they are responsible for all veterinarian services.

Are you a member of the California Turtle & Tortoise Club? Yes ☐ ; No ☐; If yes, which chapter: _____. If no, would you like to join the Club: Yes☐ ; No☐
(Members may get priority in the placement of some animals.)

Desert tortoises (*Gopherus* species) placed through the CTTC adoption program may **not** be sold and must be returned to the CTTC if you are no longer able to care for them. Do you agree? Yes ☐; No ☐

Please fill out the above application **completely**. Animals are placed in the most suitable homes. You will be notified by e-mail or telephone when a desert tortoise is available. There may be a waiting list.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You must be 18 years or over to adopt a turtle/tortoise.

For more information, visit California Turtle & Tortoise Club website at **www.tortoise.org**. You will find e-mail contacts for all Club Chapters where any questions you may have can be answered.

Please mail the signed, completed application to the closest California Turtle & Tortoise Club adoption program or bring it to your nearest chapter meeting.

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