

# ADOPTION FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Clovis Turtle & Tortoise Rescue

TEL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of turtle/tortoise do you want?

Remarks

California Desert Tortoise	
Any Other Turtle/Tortoise	
Box Turtle	
Water Turtle	

The adoption list will be a guideline for the chairman and the committee. You are not guaranteed to receive an animal just because you are on the list.

When the Adoption Committee receives your adoption form, we have 30 days to perform your yard inspection. You will either be told your habitat has passed, or the committee will tell you what needs to be done in order for you to adopt an animal. No other contact will be made about your yard until your name comes up for adoption. If your yard didn't originally pass and you were given a list of things to do, a re-inspection will be done when we have an animal for you. If your yard still doesn't pass, the animal will go to the next person on the list and your name will be put at the bottom of the list. (If you request a re-inspection, one will be done when you request it)

This program is not in place to single out anyone...it is designed to ensure the safety of the animals. Animals will be placed with the person who provides the most suitable home for them. It is our responsibility to provide the best care and environment we possibly can for our turtles and tortoises.

Anyone interested in serving on the Committee may call me, Yvonne Gomez, 298-7114.

Listed below are a few examples the committee will consider when they place an animal or perform a yard inspection:  
Are you willing to adopt a recuperating or special care animal?

Are you willing to pay for veterinary services that your animal may need?

Have you considered that you will need to make provisions for the care of the animal when you are away for vacation or a long period of time?

Are you educated on the care that the animal you want to adopt requires?

(The Rescue provides care sheets to help you)

If you are giving up an animal, the animal becomes the property of the Rescue, and unavailable to you.

Any turtle or tortoise obtained through this adoption program may not be sold, bartered, given away or returned to the wild. If, for whatever reason, you find you are no longer able to keep the animal it must be returned to the Clovis Turtle & Tortoise Rescue for further home placement. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

I agree to not use pesticides, fertilizers or weed killer within reach of the turtles/tortoises. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

I understand that by signing this application I give permission for the members of the adoption committee to visit my premises with an appointment to determine its suitability to maintain turtles and tortoises. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail form back to Clovis Turtle & Tortoise Rescue, P.O. Box 2563, Clovis, CA 93613**

(sample - you keep this sheet)  
WHAT WE LOOK FOR DURING YARD INSPECTION

	YES	NO	N/A
Is habitat large enough for this species?-----			
Fencing Tall enough?-----			
Secure at bottom to prevent digging?-----			
Is fence "see through"?-----			
Gates Do gates latch securely?-----			
Is there a spring for automatic closing?-----			
Does tortoise have access to whole yard?-----			
(Games like softball and soccer can adversely affect turtles or tortoises, which may be in the path of a child not watching where he is running)			
Is there a dog?-----			
(Dogs <u>WILL</u> chew on tortoises and turtles)			
Is there a pool?-----			
Fenced?-----			
(Tortoises cannot swim and will drown in an unfenced pool)			
Is there shelter from the sun?-----			
From the rain?-----			
From the cold?-----			
Is there an adequate water supply?-----			
Is there a clean area for feeding?-----			
Is the enclosure planted with plants that are good for them to eat?-----			
To hide in?-----			
Is there grass or weeds for grazing?-----			
Are the tops of the corners guarded to inhibit climbing?-----			
<u>Is there a separate enclosure for each species?</u> -----			
Is the hibernation area for tortoises dry?-----			
For box turtles moist?-----			
Is there a warm area or warm house for non-hibernating species?-----			
Pond Large enough?-----			
Deep enough?-----			
Meets needs of turtle for basking, swimming, hiding, eating?-----			
<u>TEMPORARY</u> indoor enclosures - Full spectrum lighting?-----			
Adequate heating?-----			
Substrate that will not harm if ingested?-----			