

# APPLICATION FOR ADOPTING A DESERT TORTOISE

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 BURROW ARE COMPLETED,  
PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH  
THIS APPLICATION:**

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

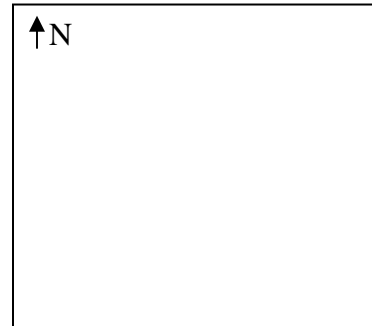
**Include a diagram of your backyard and enclosure (use box at right).**

**Include proportion of enclosure comprised of grass, desert topsoil, and gravel**

**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 to the nearest desert tortoise adoption facility:**

**Phoenix:**

Phoenix Herpetological Society, PMB 401, 20710 N. Scottsdale Rd. Ste 107, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, (602) 550-7029 or (602) 705-2240

**Bullhead City/Lake Havasu/Kingman:**

Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Region III Office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Rd., Kingman, AZ 86409, (928) 692-7700

**Yuma:**

Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Region IV Office, 9140 E. 28th St., Yuma, Arizona 85365, (928) 342-0091

**Tucson:**

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

***You may be asked to contribute a re-homing fee to cover the costs of the adoption program.***

**For Official Use Only**

Application Rec'd:

Tag No. (if applicable):

Tortoise Sex: **M / F**

Response Date:

Unique shell marks:

Yard check? **Y / N**

Application Approval  
Date:

Tortoise Origin:

Yard check results:

Adoption Date: