

Reeves Turtle



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Mauremys reevesii*
- Origin: East Asia
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 6 to 9 inches
- Life Span: 10 to 15 years
- Diurnal
- Diet: Insects & Pellet Foods
- Handling: Not Recommended
- Humidity: 70% to 90%

TOP TIPS



- ✓ A Glass aquarium is best suited for this species
- ✓ Vary the food items you offer to your Reeves Turtle to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Using a water filtration system is essential

HOUSING



We recommend a suitably sized aquarium is used for your Reeves Turtle.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Aquarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: Sand, Rocks, Pebbles
- Water: Swimming area essential

ENVIRONMENT



Heating

Reeves Turtles are a diurnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 20°C-25°C (68°F-77°F)
- HOT Spot: 29°C-35°C (85°F-95°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-22°C (68°F-72°F)
- Water Temp: 21-26°C (70-80°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARTG75) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running through a High Range HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDWHR).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the Turtle.

If overnight temperatures are dropping below the recommended, using a HabiStat Heat-Mat (HHM**) on the outside rear of the Aquarium running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) should be used during this period.

The water should be between 21-26°C (70-80°F) in temperature via the use of an aquarium heater if needed, although using a Heat Mat on the outside of the aquarium will also work.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

In captivity, use the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP85) to provide a low-level UV exposure option on the surface of the aquarium should the Turtle feel it's needed.

A Mercury Vapour bulb such as the Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Bulb (RSMA80E27) can also be used offering an all-in-one heat and UV-B exposure (Please note, this bulb can NOT be used via a thermostat, so extra caution must be adhered to).

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances.

Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your aquarium, but we recommend the following as examples:

- Wood/branches for climbing, hiding, and sleeping on.
- Turtle platforms/docks stick to the side of the glass and allow the turtle to bask.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the turtle to use as a means of shelter.

DIET & WATER

Babies through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects.

The likes of Bloodworm can be used also and turtle pellet foods can be used as part of variety.

The Reeves Turtle will be at its most active during the day, so it's best to feed your turtle during this time.

Their body of water that the swim in must be kept clean via a good filtration system

All tap-water used in the aquarium must be treated with a water conditioner to remove chlorines that could harm the turtle.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Reeves Turtles need additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80) as per the product instruction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The body of water used must be kept clean via a good filtration system.

This water should also be changed out every 6-8 weeks.

Using a mix of live-foods, pellet based, and appropriate fish foods will be beneficial as part of needed dietary variety.

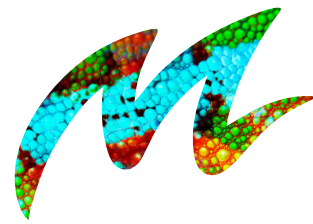
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Reeves Turtle healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Reeves Turtle their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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