

Tim



Species

Hermann's Tortoise (*Testudo Hermanni*)

Habitat:

Southern Europe, in a scrubland habitat. Like to make hollows in amongst the bushes for safety.

How we look after our pet:

A tortoise table, with a mix of sand and soil. Things to climb on and hide in. A run outside for the summer months.

Food:

Green leaves, especially dandelions, clover etc, can have some salad foods we eat, such as watercress.

Characteristics:

Hard shell, small head and legs which it can tuck away for safety. A beak, which the tortoise uses to chop at his food. They don't have teeth for chewing.

Why we love Tim:

Even people who aren't keen on reptiles and creepy crawlies, think Tim is cute! He has a little beak which he uses to chop at his food.

Tim's Story

Tim came to live with us in 2015, at the age of eleven. He lives with his sister Topsy who is the same age. They came to us from a young girl who was going away to university and would not be able to look after them any more. They had been well looked after.

Topsy and Tim love to play in the garden, or if the weather is not too good, they sometimes like to have a little explore of the greenhouse. They move faster than you would think, tortoises are actually quite good escape artists!

They are good at sharing their food, but Topsy is sometimes glad of a break from Tim. Topsy is quite small, the vet thinks she may have a genetic condition, which means she hasn't grown as big as she should, so Tim usually goes out to meet people, while Topsy stays at home to have a rest!

