

Rayo



What am I?

Red Foot Tortoise

Where do I live in the wild?

In the rainforests of South America.

How am I looked after as a pet?

I need to live in a big tank with special lights to keep me warm and healthy. I like to have shady places to hide and sleep. My house needs spraying every day just like it is raining.

What do I eat?

I eat a mixture of leaves and fruit, plus occasionally some insects too.

What do I look like?

At the moment I am very small! I have a smooth black and yellow shell and red spots all over my black legs! The top of my head is red too.

Why do we love Rayo?

Rayo is very cute! She is calm and friendly and will happily let you stroke her shell.

My story:

I am Rayo the young Red Foot Tortoise. I came to Lion learners East Midlands as a tiny 4 month old baby. I am growing very slowly. Eventually I will be quite a big tortoise but it will take me 10-15 years to be fully grown.

I am quite happy to go out and meet new people. I like to sit on my cushion so you can stroke my shell very gently. Did you know that I can feel it when you touch my shell? When I am out meeting new people I am very calm and I will sit very still for you. At home I can be quite lively, though. I love to come out of my house and wander about. Kristan needs to keep an eye on me, though, as I can be surprisingly quick for a tortoise. That is how I got my name Rayo. It means lightening bolt in Spanish.

My favourite time of day is breakfast time. I love to eat! I have a sweet tooth and fruit is my favourite thing, especially berries. Luckily for me Red Foot Tortoises can have more fruit in their diet than many other types of tortoise. I have to eat my greens too as I am told they are good for me!

