

# How and why to soak a tortoise

Most tortoises in domestic situations are dehydrated. Dehydration can cause many avoidable health issues. Soaking allows the tortoise to drink, defecate and release uric acid.



- Use a clean container the tortoise cannot get out of (restaurant bus tubs work well, shown left)
- Use warm water; steaming water is too hot
- Fill the water up to the bottom of the carapace (top shell)
- Soak for 30 minutes weekly



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