

Tortoise Group Social Media Infographics



Could you help a tortoise out?

150,000 Mojave desert tortoises are living as backyard pets in Clark County and they are reproducing at alarming rates!




Pet tortoises can carry diseases that are potentially deadly to wild tortoises.

Captive tortoises introduce weaker genetic strains into the wild and disrupt the ecosystem.

Releasing captive tortoises can upset the wild tortoise' social structure stimulating fights for burrows, food and other resources.


It's illegal!

MYTH

Those who legally possess a Mojave desert tortoise are considered owners of their pet.

FACT


They are considered custodians. All desert tortoises are considered wildlife and belong to the people of Nevada.

Way too cool!

"But I'm also a BIG responsibility! Mojave desert tortoises tend to be divas requiring very specific and uncrowded habitats to survive. You really should register, sterilize, and microchip us because we're notorious escape artists from backyards and paparazzi, of course. So famous you can't even release us into the wild because there are strict laws against that.

Oh yeah, we live about 80-100 years, so better think twice about backyard breeding. Unless you're prepared for high insurance premiums because this tortoise is not the only one born to ride."





I'm endangered and you might think you're doing me a favor. But captive breeding is not the solution!

One is NOT the loneliest number.


Mojave desert tortoises are solitary creatures and prefer to be on their own.





"I REALLY do like being on my own."

Mojave desert tortoises are solitary creatures and prefer uncrowded habitats, which most backyards do not provide.



MYTH

Pet Mojave desert tortoises can live just fine in the wild.

FACT

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5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP TORTOISE GROUP

- Adopt a desert tortoise.
- Volunteer at Tortoise Group.
- Make a one-time or monthly tax-deductible donation.
- Become a member of Tortoise Group.
- Like, Follow and Share us on social media.




WHY CAPTIVE BREEDING HARMS WILD TORTOISES

No one wants to do more harm than good, especially when it comes to living creatures. Learn why you should think twice about purposefully or unintentionally breeding tortoises in captivity.




5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP END CAPTIVE TORTOISE OVERPOPULATION

- Stop backyard breeding.
- Maintain one tortoise per household.
- Get your backyard tortoise sterilized.
- Register your tortoise.
- Never release your pet tortoise into the wild.





Psst! There's a lot more of us on Instagram. See you there.