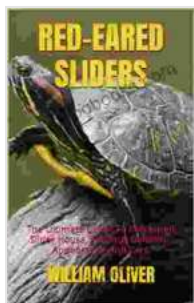


The Ultimate Guide to Red Eared Slider House I Feeding, Behavior, and Appearance



Red eared sliders (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) are one of the most popular pet turtles in the world. They are relatively easy to care for, and their bright red ears make them a distinctive and attractive pet. However, there are

some things you should know about red eared sliders before you bring one home.



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Appearance

Red eared sliders are semi-aquatic turtles, which means they spend part of their time in water and part of their time on land. They have a long, slender body with a dark green or black carapace (top shell) and a yellow or orange plastron (bottom shell). The head is large and has a distinctive red stripe behind each eye. Red eared sliders can grow to be 10-12 inches long.

Behavior

Red eared sliders are generally docile creatures, but they can be territorial and aggressive towards other turtles. They are also known to bite if they feel threatened. Red eared sliders are active during the day, and they spend most of their time basking in the sun or swimming in the water. They

are also good climbers, and they can often be found perched on rocks or logs.

Feeding

Red eared sliders are omnivorous, which means they eat both plants and animals. In the wild, they eat a variety of foods, including insects, snails, worms, fish, and plants. In captivity, they can be fed a diet of commercial turtle food, supplemented with fresh fruits and vegetables.

Housing

Red eared sliders need a spacious enclosure that includes both water and land areas. The water area should be at least twice the length of the turtle and deep enough for it to submerge its entire body. The land area should be large enough for the turtle to move around and bask in the sun. Both the water and land areas should be kept clean, and the water should be changed regularly.

Health

Red eared sliders are generally healthy animals, but they can be susceptible to a variety of health problems, including respiratory infections, shell rot, and eye infections. It is important to take your turtle to the vet for regular checkups to ensure that it is healthy.

Red eared sliders can make great pets, but they require proper care and attention. By following the tips in this article, you can help your red eared slider live a long and healthy life.

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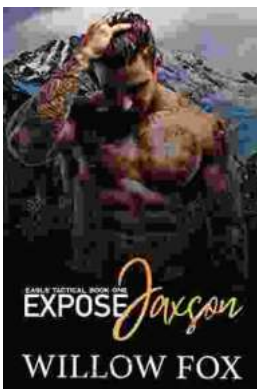
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