

Feed your Sulcata correctly!

Feeding every species of tortoise a fresh, varied and correct diet is vital to long-term health. Sulcatas have been victims of incorrect diets since the pet industry started importing them from the wild in the 1980s. 95% of the Sulcata rescues that come through are on incorrect diets and the price is poor health and a shortened life span. See below and provide your Sulcata a fresh, varied correct diet.



Feed me a correct diet and I'll grow big and beautiful!

70% grasses and hay (Timothy hay, Orchard grass, but no Alfalfa - too much protein).

Yard weeds: Grasses, grape, clover, mulberry leaves, fig leaves, dandelion, plantain (weed), hibiscus leaves and flowers, optunia, thistles, chickweed and other similar weeds.



I can also eat (when in a pinch) endive, watercress, collard greens, kale, chicory, escarole, radicchio, turnip greens and optunia.

You can occasionally feed me cabbage, carrots, carrot tops, red leaf lettuce, romain mustard greens and parsley.



A correct diet is vital to my health. Stick to the good stuff and DO NOT FEED ME these harmful foods: swiss chard, spinach, broccoli, bok choy, iceberg lettuce, sweet potatoes, sprouts, corn, cucumbers, beet greens, and the biggie, NO FRUIT!

Never feed me rhubarb, beans, dog food or pasta.

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