

Healthy beak development in tortoises

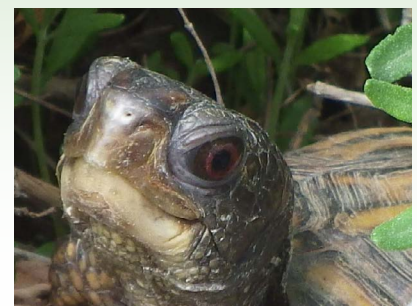
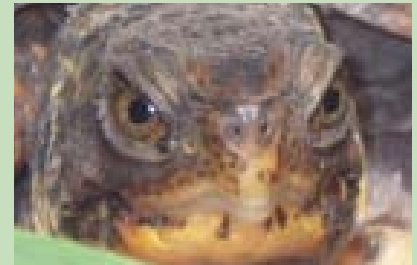
ABNORMAL Beak growth

Beaks over-grow and become abnormal because of dietary issues including: Excess dietary protein, nutritional deficiencies, and insufficient dietary fiber among other more life-threatening issues such as liver disease.



Healthy beak growth

Healthy and normal beak growth is a direct result of keeping the tortoise or turtle in proper environmental conditions, according to their species. Allow them to rip and shred their food, a natural behavior. Give them a cuttlebone to chew as well.



Can abnormal beaks be fixed?

Yes and no. Sometimes with regular trimming an abnormal beak can be repaired. Sometimes the jaw structure is too damaged to return to normal. In any case, the beak must be properly maintained. Consult a qualified veterinarian.

Exotic pets need exotic care

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