



NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service Q&A

Why is it needed?

Simply put, Northwest Tortoise has limited space. As the only tortoise rescue in the Pacific Northwest, the need never ceases. NWT cannot take all tortoises that need new homes. The NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service will help meet the needs of tortoises/owners and allow NWT to function in the best possible way

How do you vet potential adopters?

The NWT adoption vetting process has been in place for years. It is a comprehensive application, tailored to each species, and is the same process I use with all potential adopters.

How do I find tortoises/turtles that are available for adoption?

There are two ways to find information about tortoise's up for adoption at NWT:

1. Once approved through the NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service, you will be put on a "want list" specific to the species you are looking for. When a tortoise comes available, you'll be the first to know.
2. Standard adoption process: Adoptable torts are posted on the [adoption page](#). If you are interested in a tortoise/turtle on the adoption page, please contact terese@northwesttortoise.org. To find out more about the NWT adoption screening process, [click here](#).

How is this different from your current adoption program?

The current adoption program for NWT works like this:

- A tortoise is surrendered to NWT.
- NWT houses the tortoise at its rescue facility.
- NWT evaluates the tortoise's physical health and care needs.
- NWT puts the tortoise up for adoption.

The NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service works like this:

- An owner that would like to rehome their tortoise contacts NWT.
- NWT collects information about the tortoise and posts the tortoise for adoption.
- The owner houses the tortoise while it is posted for adoption.
- If/when a potential owner becomes available both parties will be contacted.

Do you make a lot of money from this?

No. All proceeds from this program, like all donations to NWT, will go back into the nonprofit to pay expenses. I do not take a salary or percentage from Northwest Tortoise.

Other policies:

- All communication will happen 3rd party, via NWT
- All fees/charges are non-refundable
- Shipping's possibility and feasibility will be determined by NWT. Charges will be paid by the adopter.
- The program does not guarantee placement and/or adoption.
- Current owners and potential adopters will not have direct contact. If reasons for contact between the two parties should arise (questions, updates, etc.), NWT will act as intermediary.
- Current owners have the right to view adoption applications without identifying information.
- Potential adopters have the right to information about the tortoise they are interested in (photos, stats, info, etc.)
- Specific questions will be handled as needed