NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service- Information for Potential Adopters

Looking for a specific species of tortoise? Want to be the first to know when a new tortoise/turtle is available for adoption? Look into the NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service program. NWT can help you find the right tortoise/turtle for you! Follow the steps below:

1. Contact NWT to adopt a tortoise (terese@northwesttortoise.org). Please include in the email the specific species you are looking to adopt.
2. NWT will screen you as a potential adoptee according to the standard NWT adoption screening process. This process has been in place for years and is a comprehensive evaluation of your ability to take care of a tortoise/turtle. To learn more about the adoption screening process click here.
3. If you are approved for adoption, you will be placed on the "species want list."
4. When/if the species of tortoise comes up for adoption, NWT will contact you directly with details about the tortoise.
5. If you are interested in the tortoise, NWT will coordinate all details with the owner directly. **The potential adopter and owner will not have direct contact.**
6. Once an agreement is reached, NWT will arrange transportation.

Adopting a tortoise through the NWT Tortoise Rehoming Service costs **$75 plus transportation charges.**

Other policies:
- All communication will happen 3rd party, via NWT.
- All fees/charges are non-refundable.
- NWT will determine whether shipping the tortoise is possible and safe for the tortoise. Charges will be paid by the adopter.
- NWT 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 tortoises that are up for adoption (photos, stats, info, etc.)
- Specific questions will be handled as needed.