



**Before applying, please read Utah's Desert Tortoise Adoption Booklet.** This document contains important information regarding the adoption program, as well as the ecology, behavior and needs of Desert Tortoise. The adoption booklet can be found at [wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/dt\\_adopt.pdf](http://wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/dt_adopt.pdf)

**A \$10 non-refundable handling fee is required. Do not mail cash.** You may enclose a check or money order payable to DWR, pay in person at a Division Office or arrange to make a credit card payment over the phone. Please list your phone number here \_\_\_\_\_ to arrange payment by phone. If approved, a \$75 COR fee will apply before you may take possession of a tortoise.

**You may only apply for a single tortoise.** If for any reason you can no longer provide care on your premises or wish to give up the tortoise, you must return it to the Utah Division of Wildlife resources. The UDWR must be contacted within 3 days if the tortoise escapes or is lost.

In many instances, other agency (federal/state/county/city/municipal) laws covering live possession of animals or groups of animals, pond/facility locations, water rights, etc may be in effect. If local laws (city/county) restrict live possession of any zoological animal, written permission from the local entity granting authority to possess such animal must be submitted with this application. **The applicant is responsible for complying with such laws prior to submitting a COR application.**

**Questions about this application or the adoption program?**

Please call 801-538-4701 or email [tdsmart@utah.gov](mailto:tdsmart@utah.gov)

**Applicant Information**

Name	Organization	
Address	City	
State	ZIP	Birth Date
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Email	Alternate Email	

**Do you wish to adopt a tortoise for:**                      Personal foster care                      Educational use

**Please explain why you would like to adopt a Desert Tortoise:**

**Please answer the following questions** regarding facilities and availability of water and food sources

Tortoises need to live out-of-doors in as much room as you can offer. What size is the area where you plan to keep the tortoise?

- Is there a pond or swimming pool in the above area? Yes No
  - o Is it fenced? Yes No
  - o Of what material is the fence?
  - o If the fence is of wood or wire, have you buried it at least 6 inches in depth? Yes No
- Is a barrier in place across each gate opening as described in the adoption booklet? Yes No
- Does each gate latch and close securely? Yes No
- When the gate is closed, will stray dogs be kept out? Yes No
- If you have a dog, have you considered the careful introduction of the dog to the tortoise? Yes No
- Will you be available to watch for trouble from various hazards, especially during the first days after the tortoise arrives? Yes No
- Tortoises are subject to injury. Are you willing to educate and prohibit people (children and adults) from unnecessary handling of the tortoise? Yes No
- Are you willing to prohibit activities (e.g. sports) in the vicinity of the tortoise which could pose a potential danger to the tortoise? Yes No
- Do you agree to:
  - o Only use liquid fertilizer during the seasons the tortoise is active? Yes No
  - o Not use herbicide/pesticides or other toxic materials in the yard? Yes No
- Have you eliminated the other hazards mentioned in the adoption booklet? Yes No
- Due to the severe winter in most of Utah, tortoises hibernate. Do you have a basement or other area where temperatures remain between 40° and 55° F? Yes No
- Is sunshine available to the tortoise at all times of the day and year? Yes No
- Is there a permanent, shaded, fresh water source? Yes No
- Is the following always available to the tortoise:
 

Grass	Dandelions	Clover
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- If not, are you willing to plant a few square feet of:
 

Bermuda grass	Dandelions	Clover
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- Are you willing to feeds the tortoise the prepared mixture recommended in the adoption booklet? Yes No
- If you leave home for vacation, have you considered the provisions that you should make for the care of the tortoise during your absence? Yes No
- Are you willing to pay for the veterinary services your tortoise may need? Yes No

**Is Your Application Complete?** Incomplete

applications may result in delays in approval and issuing of a COR. **A complete application consists of:**

- This application filled out completely and signed below
- A \$10 non-refundable handling fee
- Letters of permission from local entities (if applicable)

**Mail completed applications to:**

Utah Division of Wildlife ATTN: COR Office  
 Box 146301  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6301

**Or if sending via FedEx or UPS:**

Utah Division of Wildlife ATTN: COR Office  
 1594 West North Temple Suite 2110  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6301

I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the rules pertaining to the activity(ies) applied for and that I accept any and all liability resulting from the issuance of a certificate of registration. I further certify the information submitted in this application for a COR is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand any false statement herein may result in the application being denied.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_