

Slow and awesome

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Woah! There he is and oh he's still there. Tortoises are great pets. How, you might ask? They are very playful, they need little care, and they are not expensive. I strongly suggest every one should have a tortoise as a pet.

First, tortoises are actually very playful. I mean what's a pet if you can't play with it? A big thing people do with their tortoises is put them on mini skate boards. They go from slow and small to fast and about a half of an inch taller. You can also dress them up. You have seen cats and dogs in turtle/tortoise costumes but have you seen a tortoise in a dog or a cat costume? They don't sell them at stores but you can either make it or look for one on the internet. Some people would say "I want a pet I can snuggle with." Tortoises can snuggle it just might be weird. It depends on your tortoise's mood at the time. Sometimes they just want to walk around or sometimes they might lay down. I wouldn't recommend laying with it in your bed because you might hurt him or her they can also fall off. Tortoises are amazing. They don't have to be just your pet they can be your friend too.

Next, tortoises need little care. You give them a little bit of water and some food and they will be happy. You can even give them left over cabbage and carrots. For the tank you need little wood chips (from the pet store,) and something they can lay under like a little log. They will also need a heat pad or a heat lamp to keep them warm because they are cold blooded. For water just get them the little bowl they need which you can find at a local Pet smart or any other pet store. For the water you don't have to get a special purifier just get it from your faucet. Easy right and some people might say "and what about cleaning their tank?" Tortoises don't need their tank cleaned all the time probably two or three times a month good for people who have a lot of things to do.

Third, having a tortoise is not expensive. The most expensive thing is the tortoise. They can be up to \$168. The tanks can be up to \$20. For food and water just use left over fruits and vegetables. There are three more things you will need. For the water you will need a small special bowl. You can most likely get it at the store you get your tortoise from. You can't fill it too much because they can't swim it's only for drinking. You don't need special food unless your tortoise is sick. Then you should probably see the vet and if they give you special food I suggest you use that. Make sure that the fruit or vegetables you are feeding him or her do not have any meat because remember they are herbivores. Some parents might say that "I don't want to spend that much money on a pet." I would reply with you won't regret it. Tortoises are amazing pets.

In conclusion tortoises are great pets. I hope I changed your minds about tortoises because I strongly oppose. Every one should have a tortoise. Now what are you waiting for get in the car and get your tortoise.