

Toto a Hermanns Tortoise

When I first completed my application form to adopt a tortoise or two I thought I would have to wait months to be chosen..... Boy !! Was I in for a **BIG** surprise. After one week I had an email letting me know that there was a gorgeous little tort. needing a new home, in Hertfordshire. I thought it was a mistake and hardly dared to respond in case I was right. Maybe this was my lucky day?... so I replied and offered a home to this little Hermanns tortoise. I noticed there were a few other offers of lovely homes as well and thought I wouldn't stand a chance. Wrong again!! I am so so lucky.

Toto arrived on my Sons' wedding day and made my little world complete... I made him a big tortoise table out of an old pine table..... built up the sides with some plywood and started to decorate it with stones, pieces of interesting looking driftwood, pieces of slate and some big broken flower pots I had in my garden. It was looking good. I made him some little wooden huts and added the substrate, a dish of water and a tile which serves as his dining table. Only the best for Toto!! It looks like a little adventure playground... Now to add the tortoise !! The final ingredient.

I turned on his huge big sun lamp, waited until it all warmed up and then placed him in. Oh joy !! A little tortoise at last. He cautiously scurried around getting accustomed to his new home. He likes it !! I am so so happy. Now I spend hours reading up on the best way to care for him, how to vary his diet and supply all the nutrients he needs to keep him well and happy. He enjoys his warm baths and basking in the heat of his lamp .. and then I find him fast asleep in his flower pot.... He looks so sweet when he's asleep.. Arh !! I alter his playground around every few days to keep him interested and to provide new challenges for him..... I think he is a very happy little tortoise and I **KNOW** that I am a very happy new tortoise Mummy.....

Oh... before I forget, I would like to add a **BIG** thank you to Toto's previous Mummy ... who made a very brave and loving decision to find Toto a new home because her dog was paying too much attention to Toto, and her family were worried that little Toto would get hurt. This must have been very upsetting for them all. Toto's previous mummy has made me a very happy lady and I will always be very grateful to her and the TPG for putting their trust in me to provide everything that this adorable little tort needs.



I'm hoping for a little playmate for him next. with love to you all from Marilyn.... (Toto's Mum). xx

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