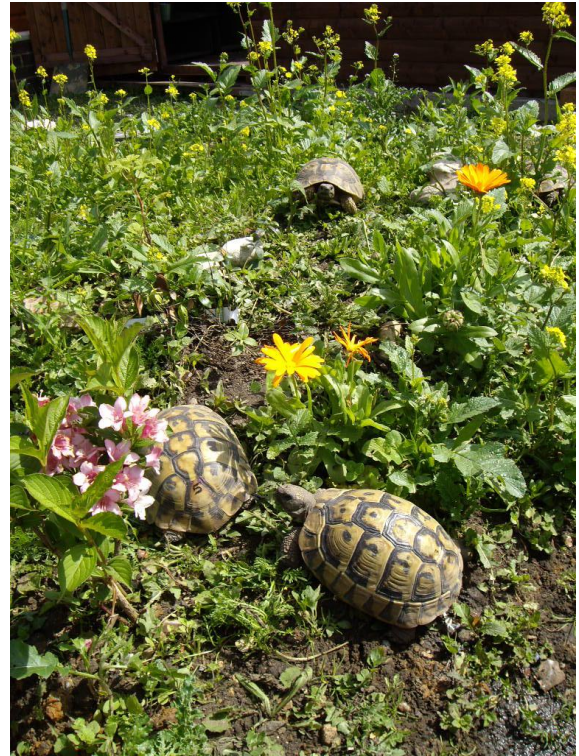
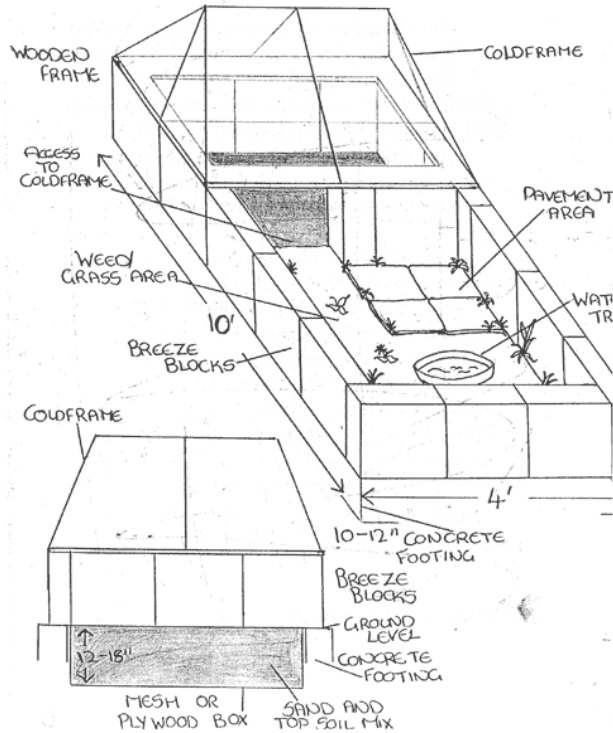


HOW TO SETUP YOUR OWN OUTDOOR TORTOISE PEN.



Mediterranean tortoises grazing on edible flowers and weeds in their run

This design allows temperate species of tortoise to live outside throughout the year. The cold frame protects them from cold and damp conditions, and also provides extra warmth and light on cooler days during the summer. Tortoises can also hibernate more naturally within the substrate of the cold frame, protected from extreme of temperate by the soil / sand mix. Weeds can be grown from seed in the outdoor pen to create an edible landscape for tortoises to naturally graze.



Overview of a Mediterranean setup



indoor view of setup with heat lamp and nesting area

Animals should always have access to natural sunlight during summer. This is beneficial for both healthy bone development and appetite. Smaller tropical species can also be kept in this type of accommodation during summer although they will need spacious indoor environments throughout the winter. Always have access to freshwater. Never allow sick tortoises to hibernate, seek veterinary help/advice if unsure.