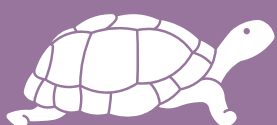


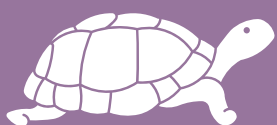
# ALL ABOUT ALDABRAS

In *All the Impossible Things*, Red befriends a giant tortoise named Tuck Everlasting. Tuck is an Aldabra tortoise, and he was rescued and cared for by Jackson and Celine Groove, Red's new foster family.

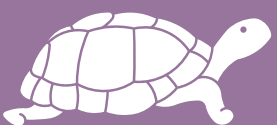
Read on to get to know more about Aldabra tortoises!



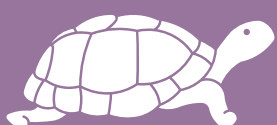
ALDABRAS ARE VERY SOCIAL FOR TORTOISES. THEY ENJOY HAVING A COMPANION, AND EVEN LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THEIR HUMAN KEEPERS



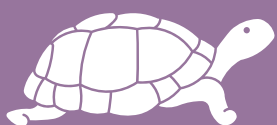
THEIR LEGS ARE ROUND AND STUMP-LIKE, SIMILAR TO ELEPHANTS, AND ITS IMPORTANT THEY GET LOTS OF EXERCISE SO THEIR LEGS CAN CARRY THEIR HEAVY BODIES



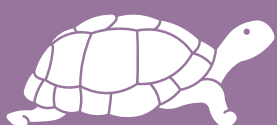
MALES CAN WEIGH 550 LBS & FEMALES 350 LBS



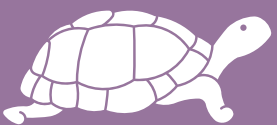
THE LARGEST FREE ROAMING TORTOISE IN THE WORLD WAS A MALE ALDABRA WHO WEIGHED 672 LBS - THAT'S AS MUCH AS A GRIZZLY BEAR!



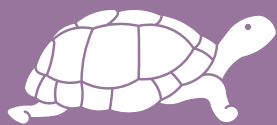
ALDABRAS ARE NATIVE TO ALDABRA ISLAND, PART OF THE SEYCHELLES OFF THE COAST OF MADAGASCAR



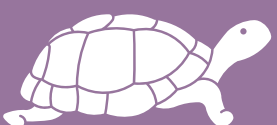
THEY MOSTLY EAT GRASSES, LEAVES, AND OTHER VEGETATION, BUT THEY SOMETIMES EAT MEAT WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE



ALDABRAS HAVE VERY LONG NECKS - THE LONGEST OF ANY GIANT TORTOISE. THEY USE THEIR NECKS TO REACH TREE BRANCHES FOR FOOD



THESE TORTOISES ARE SO STRONG, THEY CAN CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE! THEY KNOCK DOWN TREES, DIG TRENCHES AND PLOW THROUGH BUSHES IN SEARCH OF FOOD



THEY CAN LIVE WELL BEYOND 100 YEARS, BUT NOBODY KNOWS HOW LONG FOR SURE BECAUSE ALDABRAS OUTLIVE THEIR KEEPERS!

