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Pflege und Vermehrung der rotköpfigen Köhlerschildkröte „Cherryhead“, Geochelone carbonaria

The Care and breeding of the Red-Headed or „Cherryhead“ Red Foot Tortoise, *Geochelone carbonaria*

Abstract

The article deals with keeping and breeding the red-headed form of *Geochelone carbonaria*. Differences between those and animals originating in Columbia are highlighted, including differences in their habitus, their behavior and necessary keeping conditions. The author comes to the following conclusions:

While it is true that the cherryhead is a somewhat smaller race than some of the other redfoots, they are not really dwarfs either. Head color is somewhat variable but is usually some shade of orange or coral. Some exceptional individuals are an intense red. The origin of Cherryheads is not Paraguay. They seem to be able to tolerate cooler temperatures than the northern forms and are not as negatively affected by dry weather. Males can be extremely aggressive towards one another and this must be taken into consideration when putting a group together.

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