

New Data of Abnormities on the Bony and Horny Shell of Tortoises from Bulgaria

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Abstract: New data of rarely found abnormities on the bony and horny shell of the tortoises *Testudo graeca iberica* and *Testudo hermanni boettgeri* from Bulgaria are presented. Peculiarities of the earliest post-embryonic development of terrarium-bred *T. hermanni boettgeri* and some of the reasons for the high rate of rachitis cases are discussed.

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