



African Spurred or Sulcata Tortoise

Centrochelys sulcata

- Seymour is currently in his late 20's.
- They are very strong animals and can move just about anything that is not nailed down.
- They do not hibernate like other species of tortoises.
- If something startles or provokes them, it'll start hissing. The hiss can be loud and abrupt or as quiet as a snake's. It's common for the tortoise to make a hissing sound as they retract their body into the shell.
- One of the Sulcata tortoises distinguishing features is their curled marginals. The marginals are the portion of the tortoiseshell with openings. You can find marginal scoots by the tortoise's head and tail.
- Our tortoises get a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables daily some of which are grown in our aquaponics system right next door!

SEYMOUR was anonymously donated to the Catawba Science Center due to his size and long lifespan. He was purchased as a tiny baby tortoise, approximately 2 inches in size, but rapidly grew to a point where his family could no longer care for him.



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