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HYPOVITAMINOSIS A IN TERRAPINS

What is it?

Hypovitaminosis A is a deficiency caused by low levels of vitamin A from a diet deficient in green vegetables or plant matter.

Vitamin A is important for the normal function of the skin, respiratory tract and eyes.

In the wild, animals will eat plants containing carotene which is then converted to true vitamin-A in the body.

In captivity diets deficient in plant material such as commercial food mixes can lead to low vitamin A.

Who can get it?

Aquatic species such as musk or map turtles, red-eared and yellow