

## Sigi just knew it!: 2020 UEFA European Football Championship: Austrian turtle oracle Sigi predicts Italy as winner three days before the final competition!

The whole of Austria, including the Styrian "Center West Graz" is faced with a riddle: The Eastern Box Turtle Sigi (short for Sigmund), which was for 14 days a guest in the Shopping Center West, proves surprisingly near to the "European Football truth." Actually, Sigmund (who lives at Turtle Island, an internationally renowned conservation breeding and research station for turtles) only wanted to draw attention to the extinction of many of his fellow species.

But since the eighth-final games, he has been diligently typing away and has been right in almost all games. He had predicted the Italian results100% accurately. Regardless of whether it's against Austria, Spain or England, Sigmund always bets on Italy and is, therefore, even more happy about their European Championship title victory.

But how did Sigmund come to Turtle Island? And what makes him so exceptional? Peter Praschag, the founder of Turtle Island, tells us Sigi's story: "What is so special about a very bright Eastern Box Turtle living in Graz, Austria at Turtle Island? Sigmund was confiscated on a boat crammed with cocaine and 6 other box turtles in Taiwanese territorial waters." Sigi lived in the rescue center of the Taipei Zoo until the Austrian turtle expert, Peter Praschag, became mesmerized by Sigis piercing red eyes and imported him together with two girl friends to Austria.

"Sigi turned out to be a real character. He was chosen to be in a TV series and immediately drew all the attention to him. Untypical for his species, he is fearless, strong-willed and does whatever he wants. Sigi is a self-supporting turtle with an extensive resume and multiple job opportunities. Despite his star status, he is never snobbish or conceited - a caring father and always ready for the next adventure. Besides being a professional actor, Sigmund turned out to be a soccer fan and the perfect oracle for the European Championship in the Shopping Center West of Graz (Styria, Austria). Before each game, he was placed between two goals with his favorite food, apricots. He then looked around and carefully considered which country's apricot he wanted to bite. Sometimes he hesitated, but Sigi was always absolutely sure about Italy. Whenever he saw the Italian flag in one of the goals, he became hypnotized by the juicy apricot in front of the green-whit-red flag and moved with non-turtle like speed to the Italian side. He always chose the Italian team as the winner through the tournament; his mind was clear, and he easily made his final oracle prediction."

What does the future hold for Sigi? He is considering all options. Possibly his own blog or writing his memoirs. But until then, he will peacefully enjoy some fruit, worms and his girl friends at Turtle Island. If you have ideas for Sigi or would like to help him or his companions at Turtle Island, please contact us at office@turtle-island.at."

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