



DESERT TORTOISE COUNCIL

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Dear John,

This is to verify that, you, John Kauphusman, did register for and attend the two-day Desert Tortoise Council's online lecture course: Introduction to desert tortoises and field techniques, on November 6 and 7, 2020.

This online lecture course included specific information about the biology, ecology, habitat preferences, life history, and health of the Mojave Desert Tortoise as well as presentations of the threats the tortoise faces today. The course introduced how we conduct field surveys and handle tortoises (including a 30 minute video presentation of the proper way to handle desert tortoises in the field), presented advice on starting a career in field surveying, and provided an introduction to the permits and authorizations that are required from various agencies. A description of the course, can be viewed at: <https://deserttortoise.org/training-programs/introductory-course/>. Note that our courses change from year to year.

This verification in no way authorizes you to handle desert tortoises, desert tortoise eggs, excavate tortoise burrows, and/or construct artificial burrows. Such handling and burrow construction must be authorized under Section 7 biological opinion, under a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit, or under a Section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific collection permit. My signature does not imply that I can attest to your abilities to perform these duties. For additional information please contact us at:

intro-course@deserttortoise.org

Thank you for your interest in the Desert Tortoise.

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Margaret H Fusari

DTC Introductory Course Coordinator

Desert Tortoise Council Board Member



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This certificate is awarded to

John Kouphusman

In recognition of completing the

Introduction to Desert Tortoises and Field Techniques Course

Will L. Lue Jr.

Signature

7 November 2020

Date