

HERMIT CRAB

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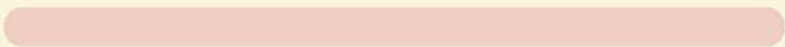


INTRODUCTION

Hermit crabs naturally live on sandy beaches and spend their days scavenging for food. They have an exoskeleton that is protected by large snail shells, which they upgrade into over time. Hermit crabs are a big commitment, as they should be in groups and they can live over 10 years and with the proper care can even live up to 30 years! These big commitments can also be very rewarding, as hermit crabs often have docile temperament and can be very active when climbing and exploring their habitat.

HABITAT

Humidity
 70%

Temperature (Day)
 72-82F

Temperature (Night)
 70F

CARE LEVEL: BEGINNER

LIFESPAN: 8-30YEARS

SIZE: 2-6 INCHES

MORPHS:

CARIBBEAN,ECUADORIAN,
 STRAWBERRY, PURPLE
 PINCHER, RUGGIE, AND
 MORE!



FUN FACT:

HERMIT CRABS ARE
 SOCIAL AND DO
 WELL IN SMALL
 GROUPS

FOOD AND WATER

Hermit crabs are omnivorous scavengers. Their nutritional needs can be met with either a commercial hermit crab pellet, or a variety of fish foods, along with fresh veggies. This must be supplemented with a calcium supplement to help with molting.

Hermit crabs also need access to a shallow saltwater bowl and a freshwater bowl at all times.

ENCLOSURE BASICS

The minimum tank size for two hermit crabs is 10 gallons, but we recommend getting a group of at least 4 hermit crabs and housing them in a 20 gallon tank. The ideal substrate is sand mixed with coco fibers, to allow for optimal humidity and burrowing. To allow for enough burrowing space, the sand mixture should be at least 3 inches deep. Hermit crabs also love to climb, which means that you must decorate their tank with plenty of fun things to climb on. Hermit crabs also need to have a variety of shells available for them to upgrade into.

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 SUGGESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT OUR
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