



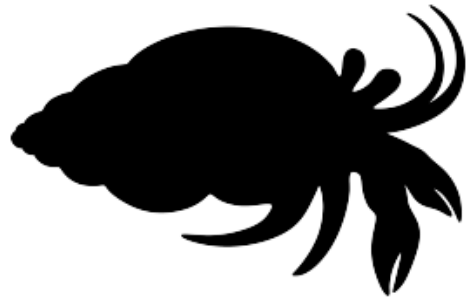
Hermit Crab

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FUN FACT!

Hermit crabs are nocturnal scavengers that will eat almost anything. Hermit crabs live in large groups in the wild and do best in groups of three or more. Average life span 10 years.



General Diet

Even though they will eat almost anything they should have a balanced diet. A well balanced diet consists of a high quality commercial hermit crab food, vegetables (spinach, carrots, and romaine lettuce) non citrus fruits (mangoes, coconut and papaya) as treats. Nuts, seaweed can also be offered as treats.



Vitamins/Supplements

Cuttlebone can be offered for a calcium supplement.

Housing

Appropriate size and shape habitat to accommodate adult hermit crabs behavior and exercise. 10 Gallon aquarium is great for multiple crabs. Your Hermit crab needs décor that provides climbing and hiding areas. New shells should be a bit bigger than current shell. Substrate of a sand mixed with coconut fiber is also great. The substrate should be at least 3" deep.

They should be kept at 80F on the warm end and 70 at the cool end. Though an under tank heater is recommended, you may need to do a heat bulb if you keep your home on the cooler side.

Keep 2 dishes of water one with dechlorinated fresh water, and one of dechlorinated saltwater. A sponge can be added to help your crab climb out.

Sanitation/General Care

Change water every other day and clean the habitat at least once a week.

General Maintenance

Bathe Hermit crabs every week in a plastic container with lukewarm fresh de-chlorinated water. Immerse the crab upside down and let it right itself or put the crab in the container and let it walk around. When the bath is done remove the crab and drain the water out of the shell and place them on a paper towel to dry off. Don't put a wet crab back into the habitat as the substrate will stick to it. Make sure the habitat is always at the right temperature.



Special Section

When holding your crab keep your hand open as they may pinch. Keeping your hand open makes it tough for your crab to find something to grab ahold of.

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Cage	Heat Fixture
Hermit Crab Food	Thermometer
Substrate	
Food and Water Dishes	
Hideaway	
Climbing Decor	
Under Tank Heater	
Heat Bulb	



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