

Hermit Crab Fast Facts!

- ◇ *Live for approx. 10-15 years*
- ◇ *Grow to approx. 1-8cm*
- ◇ *Requires a minimum 30x30x30cm enclosure*
- ◇ *Their diet consists of fruits, vegetables, hermit crab food*

Checklist!

- ◇ *Enclosure*
- ◇ *Substrate*
- ◇ *Water bowl x2*
- ◇ *Food bowl*
- ◇ *Hide*
- ◇ *Climbing décor*
- ◇ *Décor*
- ◇ *Extra shells*
- ◇ *Heat mat*
- ◇ *Water sprayer*
- ◇ *Salt water*
- ◇ *Hermit crab food*



Common Health Issues!

Dehydration/Moulting Issues: Low Humidity may result in the hermit crab having difficulty moulting

Lethargy: If temperatures drop too low in winter and the hermit crabs are not heated, they will become lethargic and may even die

*If you notice any of the following symptoms, please contact our recommended vet, The Unusual Pet Vets.
Loss of appetite, lethargy*



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Hermit Crab Care Sheet!



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Enclosure set up!

Hermit crabs need both freshwater and salt water available to them, ensure that you have 2 water bowls available for them to drink and bathe in at all times.

Their enclosure should be atleast 30x30x30cm in size, their food and water bowls should be always available. Along with a heat source they also require an area for them to climb on, this can be achieved via a log, rock, or tree branch.

A substrate which allows the hermit crab to burrow down is best, such as sand or coco peat is best.

Maintenance!

Hermit crabs are cold blooded so they do need a heat source on one side of their enclosure, sitting between 24 -28celcius.

Hermit crabs require high humidity, between 70-90%, this ensures that they are able to breath and moult properly. This can be achieved by having an automatic mister in the enclosure, or daily sprays.

Hermit Crabs live in other creatures discarded shells. As they grow they will leave their old shell and find another larger one to move into. A few spare shells, which should be only slightly larger than their current one, should be kept in the enclosure for such occasions. Like other crabs, as they grow hermit crabs need to cast off their outer skeleton, this usually occurs about twice a year. After the crab has moulted it needs to be left alone for several weeks until its new skeleton hardens. After moulting, the skin is usually left on the floor. Crabs will eat this skin as it is rich in calcium. They may eat this discarded old skin before you know they have actually moulted. Crabs will usually bury in the substrate for a week or so while their skin hardens up. Make sure there is plenty of food and water in their enclosure even if they are inactive.

Caution!

Many crabs fall victim to poisoning without their owners realizing it. Cleaning chemicals such as furniture polish, insect sprays, room deodorants and fresheners can kill your crabs if the spray gets into the food and water bowls. As they have very small bodies, only a small amount can have devastating effects. Do not place your crabs onto carpet for recreation. Many carpets are cleaned with chemicals, and much of the chemical is left as residue within the carpet fibres after the carpet has dried. It is safer to play with your hermit crab on tiles or lino floors which are cleaned and rinsed so no residue remains or you can even take them outside on the lawn.

Nutrition!

Hermit crabs are opportunistic, scavenging omnivores that feed upon a wide variety of foods such as fruit, vegetables, insects and even carrion. In captivity, food should be available to hermit crabs at all times and placed in shallow dishes to prevent fouling of the tank. A dry commercial hermit crab flake or pellet can be used as the primary source of food. Fresh fruits and vegetables such as apple, carrot, kale and banana should be offered 2-3 times per week. Hermit crabs will also readily accept dead insects such as dried mealworms, and crickets which can be coated with a calcium and vitamin supplement

