

Hermit crabs

Housing:

When considering getting a hermit crab as a pet first consider two things.... 1 hermit crabs are social creatures and do best with a fellow grab do you have the space for two or more? Each grab requires a 5-gallon enclosure. So a minimum of a ten-gallon tank is needed. When you go to the pet stores, or novelty shops are the beach they try and sell you colorful wire cages...save yourself some money and do not get one. for a proper habitat, a glass aquarium is best. Hermit crabs need humidity and the glass tank will help meet that need. Ideally, your tank will have a mesh top to allow airflow as well as hold your heat source.

Water:

On the surface hermit crabs seem like a simple pet; But like all creatures, they have specific needs one thing most people do not know is that they need marine salt water (you can buy the salt at pet stores) in a dish that they can use to replenish their shell water, But they also need a similar dish with freshwater! It is important when providing water to your crabs that you are using purified water. Chlorine and table salt is quite deadly to these guys) **** Never use metal dishes, Hermit crabs are sensitive to them ***

Substrate:

Having enough substrate in your hermit crab enclosure is a crucial part of a healthy crab. As they grow hermit crabs molt and shed their exoskeleton. To do this they will bury themselves in the sand

. The best substrate is a blend of coconut husk and plays sand. Make sure you cook the sand to ensure no contaminants get into your enclosure. You will then wet the substrate until it gets to the consistency you would use to make a sandcastle. This is a perfect consistency because of the crabs' tunnel the sand will be strong enough and not cave in (you will spray your sand mix daily)Hermit crabs also require deep substrate... The rule of thumb is it needs to be at least two times the size of your largest crab, but if you can do more that is preferred.

Temperatures:

During the day a basking spot of around 79 F and the coolest end of the tank should be around 75F. They like 70 to 80 percent humidity. To help reach this you will spray substrate daily as well as add ssea sponges It can also be helpful to have a water source near the basking area of your tank.

Food:

In the nicest way possible, hermit crabs are scavengers. They will eat most things. Fruits, Veggies, Bugs! So, when feeding your hermit crab, you can go the commercial food approach or you can find hermit crab-safe food like blueberries, alfalfa, sprouts, sweet potatoes, Dubia Roaches, Meal Worms, Wax Worms, Butter Worms, Super Worms, Lobster Roaches, Red Runner Roaches, zucchini, white fish among other normal household foods.