



★ HERMIT CRAB ★ SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

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ITEM	PLU#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Tank			
Top			
Fresh Water Bowl			
Salt Water Bowl			
Food Bowl			
Food			
Climbing Branches			
Bedding/Substrate			
Aquarium Salt			
SUGGESTIONS:			
Crabs (Minimum 2)			
Driftwood			
Decoration			
Dechlorinator			
Under Tank Heater			
Reflector Dome			
Low Wattage Night Bulb			

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HERMIT CRAB

Coenobita clypeatus



EXPERIENCE LEVEL Intermediate
LIFE EXPECTANCY 20+ years
ACTIVITY Nocturnal
HABITAT Tropical
DIET Omnivore

ADULT SIZE: 2 - 6 inches

NATIVE TO: Mangrove swamps and coastal forest and wetlands throughout the Caribbean

GROUPING & BREEDING: In the wild, hermit crabs live in large groups and even work together to scavenge for food. They tend to be more active when kept with other crabs. They may fight over shells, so ensure there are plenty of extra shells in the enclosure.

HABITAT: Minimum 10 gallons for two crabs. The ideal habitat will be one that holds humidity.

BEDDING: A mixture of sand and coconut fiber. The bedding (substrate) should be deep enough that your largest crab can bury itself completely.

HABITAT CARE: Spot clean daily. Clean their cage with a 5% bleach solution (¼ cup bleach in 1 gallon of water) and change out all bedding once every three months.

LIGHTING: Hermit crabs needs a day/night cycle. If the room where your crab enclosure is located is naturally lit during the day, you do not need to add lighting. If the room is not lit during the day, add a LED fixture to simulate daylight during daytime hours. You may also need a nighttime heat bulb to maintain the temperatures.

TEMPERATURE: Daytime temperatures should be 75°F - 85°F. At night, the temperature can safely drop to 65°F. Place a thermometer in the habitat to monitor temperatures. Under tank heaters are a good option to help maintain the correct temperatures. Avoid placing habitat in direct sunlight and drafty areas due to excessive temperature changes.

HUMIDITY: Hermit crabs breathe through modified gills, so humidity is extremely important for them. Their enclosure should be maintained at 70%-80% humidity. Mist the enclosure with dechlorinated water as necessary. Place a hygrometer inside the enclosure to accurately monitor humidity levels.

WATER: Hermit crabs need access to both salt water and fresh water at all times. Use heavy, shallow bowls that are large enough for your pet to get into. To prevent drowning, add a thin layer of aquarium gravel or a sponge to the bowl to give your crab something to get up on. Clean and refill both water bowls daily or more often as necessary.

DIET: In the wild, hermit crabs are scavengers and eat a wide variety of foods ranging from fallen fruit to grasses and decaying wood. Offer your crab a varied diet that consists of dark leafy greens, vegetables, fruits, meats, and grains. Some crab favorites are tropical fruits such as papaya and mango, brightly colored vegetables such as corn and carrots, and freeze dried treats like shrimp or bloodworms. Mix in a commercially prepared hermit crab diet as they are nutritionally complete and great to have on hand in a pinch. Add a calcium supplement to their food at least once a week. Any fruits or vegetables not consumed within 24 hours should be discarded.

GROOMING: Hermit crabs molt regularly; to facilitate this, ensure they have adequate humidity and their substrate is deep enough to burrow in. They need to be able to complete bury themselves in order to molt their exoskeleton. As hermit crabs grow, they move into larger shells. Leave several empty shells inside your crab habitat. The empty shells should be larger than their current shell. If you have several hermit crabs, you'll need extra empty shells.

HANDLING & TEMPERAMENT: Hermit crabs are generally docile with regular, gentle handling. Never pull a hermit crab out of its shell.

EXERCISE: Hermit crabs enjoy digging and climbing. Provide plenty of climbing structures for your crabs such as driftwood, rocks, plastic plants, cholla wood, and rope netting. To prevent escapes, make sure your enclosure has a lid that closes securely.

VETERINARY CARE: You may wish to schedule a check-up for your new pet. Consult your vet and keep their number handy in case of an emergency.

