

 2-10+ years

 1-4 inches

 Beginner

 65-75° F

 Pellets, Fruits, & Vegetables



Hermit crabs make terrific pets for children. They are easy to care for, can be very colorful, and are extremely active in proper conditions. Hermit crabs are tropical, and despite their name, are social creatures who will happily live together in pairs or groups for years.

TANK SET UP

Hermit crabs must have a well-ventilated terrarium with 2-3" of substrate. You may use aquarium gravel or an Eco-earth mixture to promote burrowing. Hermit crabs must have 5 gallons of space for every 2 crabs.

TEMPERATURE

Temperatures should be between 70-75°F during the day. It can go down at night, but you may want to use a red light at night to keep the temperature at least 65°F. An under tank heater may be used to keep the temperature constant.

LIGHTING

Fluorescent or LED lighting may be used on the screen top of the terrarium for a full 8-10 hours of daylight. No special UVB lighting is necessary.

HUMIDITY

Hermit crabs need high humidity; between 60%-80%. You may mist the terrarium as necessary, and keep moss on the substrate to keep moisture in. Always have fresh water for the hermit crabs.

FEEDING

Hermit crabs will eat pellets or powdered hermit crab food. If your hermits are too small to eat the pelleted food, you can crush it into powder. They enjoy treats such as chopped vegetables, fruit, and raisins. Always remove any uneaten foods every morning and replace with fresh.

CLEANING

Because of the high humidity in the terrarium, mold may grow under the dishes and accessories if not cleaned properly or often. Clean the substrate regularly, and wash all dishes and accessories as well.