



# BRONTY'S FACT SHEET

## Hermit Crab



Hermit crabs are a nocturnal crustacean that live on the sea shore.

Tanks for hermit crabs should be lined with shell grit, and should contain both a dish of fresh water and salt water. Dishes should be plastic, not metal as this can harm the crab. Do not use tap water, only used bottled water or cooled boiled water.



Hermit crabs eat fruit and vegetable and also hermit crab food that you will find in store.

As the hermit crab grows it will need bigger shells, so keep some on hand. Leave them scattered in the tank so the crab can find them when required. Keep the old shells in the tank also as they are a source of nutrition, they will eat them.

The tank must be kept clean at all times; the whole tank should be cleaned every two weeks. The ideal temperature for the tank is between 24 and 27 degrees. A water spray bottle should be utilised to dampen the tank regularly to provide a humid environment for the crab. You can have more than one crab in the tank, but keep them all the same size, larger crabs can be bullies.

For more information please give us a call on (02) 6652 4308 and we will assist you with any queries.

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