

Hermit Crabs



Description: A crab that can be found living in abandoned snail shells or other empty mobile containers. A hermit crab's first two legs have been modified into pinchers. Hermit crabs require a shell to live in because their abdomen (tail region) is actually soft. When a hermit crab grows in size, it

must find a new, larger shell to live in. Hermit crabs can be found in rocky shores and sandy beach habitats.

Defense: Hermit crabs will hide within their shell for protection.

Where they are Found: These crabs can be found in saltwater at depths from shallow coral reefs and shorelines to deep sea bottoms. Some species can even be found on land. Hermit crabs live in the wild in colonies of 100 or more.

Diet: Hermit crabs will feed on small bits of food that they find on the bottom of the ocean. Sandy bottom hermit crabs have also been known to filter feed.

WOW!!! Hermit crabs can make their homes out of old cans, pieces of trash or anything else that they can fit their tail into!