



# AN EDUCATION IN HERMIT CRABS & CARE

**SUMMARY VERSION:** YOUR **KRABOOZ IS A COENOBITA VARIABILIS HERMIT CRAB** AND LIKE MOST PETS NEED SPECIAL CARE THAT BEST MATCHES THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

**SETTLING INZ:** When you first take home your Krabooz give them a quick bath of dechlorinated water then leave them alone to settle into their new home. They may stay buried for a few days that's OK they are just getting used to it.

**THE BEDDINGZ:** We recommend using our Zuper Zands bedding in your home. Split the contents on either side of the home. On the shell grit side place the bowlz and poolz that way water spilt from the bowl goes into the shell grit. The depth of bedding should at least be that of your largest hermit crab with an additional 2-4cm can be added in the cooler molting months.

**THE FOODZ:** The Krabooz has developed a staple mix of food called The Munchiez Mix. It's also important to give your Krabooz fresh food this can include fruits, vegetables and treats like popcorns or crumpets. They love variety in their diet.

**THE WATERZ:** Be sure that your Krabooz always has fresh dechlorinated or bottled water.

**THE SALT POOLZ:** Your Krabooz will also like to have a pool of salt water available to bath in but also make sure that they can get out of the pool easily.



**CLIMBINGZ:** Your Krabooz love to climb so give them something like a Krabooz treez or shrubz or a non-treated stick like driftwood to climb on.

**HEATING:** Your Krabooz will like their home to be no cooler than 22 degrees so when it drops below this place a heat mat under just where the pool and bowlz are located (this will help with the humidity).

**HUMIDITYZ:** Its advised that their home has a relative humidity of anywhere from 50% to 80% (it can vary with the seasons) this humidity can be achieved by allowing them to tip their water bowlz and poolz in to the shell grit bedding so it's just slightly moist.

If your accessories like the hutz and treez are moldy then that is an indication that the home is too moist and you will need to

adjust the homes openings to allow for more aeration.

**EXERCIZE:** We believe it's best to let your Krabooz out and have a daily walk around, you just need to make sure that the area is safe from other animals or typical household chemicals .

**SPARE SHELLZ:** Your Krabooz will grow a few mm each year so make sure you have a couple of spare shellz of different sizes available for them.

**SLEEP TIME:** Your Krabooz will like a good cubby to sleep and the Krabooz Hutz are perfect for 1 or 2 Krabooz...

**MOLTING:** Your Krabooz can molt. Some indications are they have buried under for a long period of time, are generally lethargic or have less antenna

activity. *They MUST be left alone during this period and not moved or touched until they re-emerge.*



**FREINDZ:** Krabooz like to live in groups so please please please make sure they have a few other freindz in their home.

**HOLIDAYS:** If you're going away from home take your Krabooz with you!! This is what the liferingz was created **FOR!**

**NEVER TEAR THEM APART:** Please don't ever try to pull me out of my shellz as you could tear me apart!!!! Ouchhhh!

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