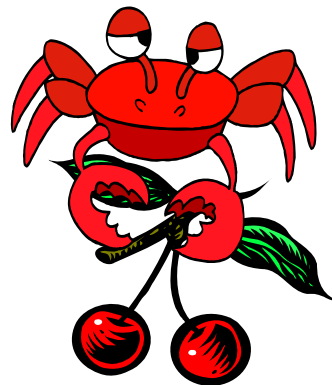


Congratulations on the purchase of your new CHERRY SPIDER CRAB from Passion for Pets.

You can expect to enjoy many happy and rewarding years with this new and unusual pet. To assist you in giving your cherry spider crab the care it deserves we have provided the following information.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SET UP YOUR CHERRY SPIDER CRAB

Fish Tank
Aquarium Foam
Conditioning Salts
Chlorine Neutraliser
Rocks
Gravel
Plants
Background
Cover Glass
pH Test Kit
Hardness Test Kit
Filter



SETTING UP YOUR TANK

1. Choose a position for your tank that is not in direct sunlight. Rinse your tank and place it on aquarium foam in its new position.
2. Using a fine strainer thoroughly rinse the aquarium gravel and rocks under fast running water to remove all dust and particles. Place the gravel in a fine layer across the bottom of the tank.
3. Position your rocks to make some fun climbing and hiding areas for your crab.
4. Fill your tank with water ensuring you keep count of how many litres you add.
5. Add the correct amount of conditioning salts and chlorine neutraliser to the water. Always follow the directions for the correct amounts.
6. Place your filter in one corner ensuring it is fully submerged before turning it on.



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7. Attach your background to the outside of your tank with sticky tape.
8. Perform a pH and Hardness test and correct the levels

ARRIVING HOME

If you are setting up your tank on the same day as bringing home your crab you will need to add some live bacteria before adding your crab.

Place your crab (still in sealed bag) in your set up tank for ten minutes to adjust to the different water temperature.

Now open the bag and allow some of the tank water to mix in the bag and leave it for a further five minutes. Now gently upend the entire bag and allow your crab to swim out into the tank.

FEEDING

It is best to allow your crab to settle into its new home for a few hours before feeding for the first time.

Cherry Spider Crabs like to eat sinking pellet food, frozen beef heart or live small fish.

Keep their taste for live fish in mind if you are adding your crab to your aquarium. They will eat smaller fish and nip the fins of larger fish.

Make sure you remove any uneaten food with a fine net, to prevent it spoiling the water.

WATER QUALITY

Cherry Spider Crabs like a pH of between 7.0 and 7.6 and a Hardness of 100 - 300ppm. Your crab will do better in harder water even though they can be kept at 100ppm. The water temperature can be anywhere from 8 - 24°C.

DESCRIPTION

The Cherry Spider Crab got its name because of its spider like legs and the tiny orange bubbles at the base of their claw.

An adult crab will grow to a width of 4-5cm and a length of 8-9cm. Males tend to grow slightly larger than the females.

TANK MAINTAINENCE

You will need to remove a 1/3 of the water using a gravel cleaner on a weekly basis. At this time also wash the filter sponge. Once a month your filter media needs to be changed.



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Using an aquarium scrubbing brush you can scrub the rocks to prevent algae growth.

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Our friendly staff are always available to answer any questions you may have, so please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

