

Land Hermit Crab Owners Society (LHCOS)

Ethical Hermit Crab Care & Conservation

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Claws in the Classroom Hermit Crab Readiness Checklist

Classroom Resources for Teachers & Educators

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Program Preparation

- Teacher has reviewed LHCOS habitat and care standards
- Classroom space can support a properly sized habitat
- Students will participate through observation and learning activities
- Teacher understands long-term responsibility for the animals

Habitat Stability

- Habitat has been set up and running for several days before introducing hermit crabs
- Temperature and humidity remain stable throughout the day
- Heating and humidity equipment have been tested

Care Responsibilities

- Teacher or designated adult monitors the habitat daily
- Feeding and water maintenance schedule established
- Weekend and holiday care plan confirmed

Student Education

- Students understand classroom rules for observing animals
- Students learn about natural hermit crab behavior
- Students understand that molting crabs must not be disturbed

Final Readiness

- Teacher has reviewed the Classroom Hermit Crab Readiness Checklist
- Habitat environment is stable and functioning properly
- Care plan and responsibilities are clearly assigned