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**Good morning,
Are you ready to get pinchy...**



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Crab Con

This issue is a bit late because of Crab Con!
If you attended Crab Con thank you!

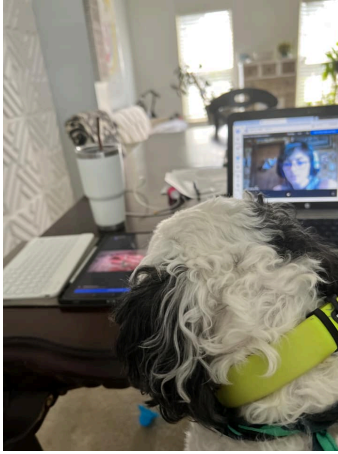
Check out some selfies and photos from those who did!



LHCOS president, Stacy watching “what is that thing??”



The Comoss watching from their island in their custom Crab Con shirts



Tracy W. and Buster watch together



We were all a little jealous of Kelsey's cozy setup.



Savannah and Dave all dressed up for a talk



2021 Crab Con talks:

Did you miss Crab Con? Do you want to learn more about what it is like? Do you just want to learn more about crabs? Check out the Crab Con YouTube for past talks!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CrabCon>



Crab Central Stations' captive bred baby silent auction

CCS has babies! Well, they have HAD babies and the time is here to get them new homes. They decided to have an auction! By the time you get this the first auction will have passed but keep an eye on their page for more adoption opportunities because there will be some! Breeding is expensive and takes hundreds of hours. CCS, as an approved hermit house breeder could use your help. Views, super chats, and direct donations are appreciated.



Crab Con 2023

As you might already know, Crab Con 2023 will be live in-person in Virginia and also live online! This means you can watch in person or at home in your jammies. Whatever works best for you! Look for details in the next issue of the Pinchy Paper.

∨ Relevant topics

How to play with your crab


It may not be safe to remove your crab from its tank to play with it but that does not mean you can't! Here are a few ways you can interact with your crabs. Try not to keep the lid open for too long!

- Try hand feeding. Crabs are prey animals, so try to approach from the side and not the top, avoiding casting shadows. Use their favorite stinky foods. A skewer for grilling may help short arms reach into the tank, be less intimidating to your crabs and help avoid pinching.
- Help your child read your crab a bedtime story. Although they hear by vibration and won't understand, some may become curious and come to see what is going on and chances are the act of sitting calmly by your tank at dusk will let you observe your crabs come out for the night.
- Do science experiments with your crabs. Here is an example. Place multiple single ingredient foods in their tank and see what they eat the most of. Do this the first of every month with the same foods. Does it change with the seasons? Another example, attach a rope, some craft mesh, and some fake vines to a shelf. What climb do they like best. Do small crabs use the same one and large crabs another?

Our sister Facebook group, The Crabby Hermit, wanted to share a handy tool with us:

Worried your crabs are being aggressive? Ask yourself, do they show S.H.A.R.P behaviors?

*If they are, make a post so a mod can help ASAP!
Every case is unique and serious.*



S **H** **A** **R** **P**

Stalking **Holding** **Attached** **Rocking** **Pulling**

After a face off one crab leaves and the other stalks him instead of taking the win and backing off.

One crab holds the other in place, not giving it the option to flee. (May also be reproductive behavior)


One crab has used his claws to physically attach himself to another crab and won't let go.

One crab is on top of the other rocking it back and forth to get them to come out.

One crab is trying to pull another out of its shell.

Why do crabs have S.H.A.R.P behaviors? Check your S.P.E.C.S!

Take inventory and fill in any gaps in:



S **P** **E** **C** **S**

Shells **Protein** **Enrichment** **Calcium** **Space**

Crabs need 3 extra shells each that fit them well. Turbos are the best choice. Some shapes will not work.

Crabs need a lot of protein in their diet. 50% not counting leaves and such. Eating a friend is not recommended!

Are they just bored? Aggressive crabs can be distracted with climbing and wheels.

Calcium and red foods are good to always keep in your tank. Again, eating a friend is not recommended!

Crabs need space to get away, space to hide, and space to eat. Are your bowls, tank, and hides big enough? Do you need multiple?

Crab Con shopping brings some of the best deals of the year and some of the best hauls.



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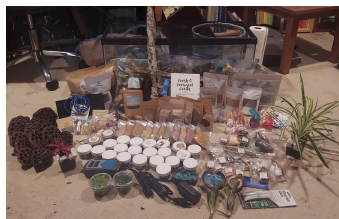
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See something you like? You can find most of these sellers on our approved sellers list or catch them at Crab Con next year!

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**BEFORE & AFTER
CRAB CON**

Thanks for the meme Dan Comoss! So true.





Claws in the classroom

Kelly Elder Has been making great progress with the claws in the classroom program. She



**STORIES. MUSIC.
ART. PERFORMANCE.**

Pop Up Magazine Fall Tour is Starting! Join the mailing list to get updates so you don't miss out on tickets!

The theme for this tour is "Love" and one of the presenters will be doing a multimedia presentation on hermit crabs--specifically focused on Mary Akers' story of pursuing captive breeding.

The tour starts in Portland Oregon October 26, 2022. Tickets are on sale now!

<http://www.portland5.com/arlene-schnitzer-concert-hall>

Other stops on the tour will be NYC, Oakland, LA, Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta, and Nashville.

Mary Akers and Stacy Griffith will be attending in Nashville TN November 17, 2022

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