



# The Pinchy Paper

## 2023 Year in Review

**What will you remember about 2023?**

**Barbenheimer?**

**The AI art takeover?**

**The Stanley cup?**

**Well, we hope you left room for hermit crabs because we have been busy!**



Jeff, you can take this one! We had our lovely blog master Jeff on staff to document Crab Con 2023. You can check out his video here:

[Jeff's Blog](#)

## Adoption



It was a busy year.  
Here are the stats!  
Adoptee Applications = 1569  
Adoptions = 338  
Adopter Applications = 588  
Adopter Approved = 133  
Captive Bred Application = 69  
CB Approved = 23

## Local Reps

We checked in with Tammy & Joe  
"We attended 5 Show Me Reptile Shows and 1 CF Pet Expo.  
During the events we provided the attendees with information on:  
care for hermit crabs  
food & nutrition  
the hermit crab trade  
crabitat set up  
adoption program  
children were given coloring sheets and stickers"  
We love that!

**Hermit House**

Hermit House may be out on their own but we still do everything we can to cheer them on and lend a hand. In 2023 we put on an in person Crab Con together and gave a helping hand on social media among other things. Most of all we share a lot of the same wonderful volunteers so here is an update directly from Mary to honor and support all their hard work.

**"Hermit House shipped zoeae over 40 times to aspiring breeders in 2023.**

**A new species for Hermit House breeders was successfully brought to land in 2023: *C. rugosus* raised by both Mary Akers and Stacy Boltz in separate attempts.**

**Multiple species of zoeae were gathered and shipped to Dr. Christopher Tudge to expand his research.**

**Hermit House grew its membership to 32 Aspiring Breeders, 6 Certified Breeders, and 42 Supporting Members! Membership renewal reminders will go out soon.**

**Despite all the shipped zoeae, and the best efforts of our aspiring breeders, we only added about three dozen *C. rugosus* to the number of adoptable crabs, and no other species were successfully brought to land in all of our exhaustive attempts. So we still have much work to do and a long road ahead of us. But you can help! You can:**

- 1) Join Hermit House as a supporting member**
- 2) Sign up to receive zoeae and give it a try yourself in 2024**
- 3) Like and share our social media posts to help spread the word.**

**We have big plans for 2024!"**

**-Mary Akers**



Ruggie with eggs by Mary Akers



Shipping zoeae by Jamie H



land transition tank by Stacy Boltz

## Community feedback



### Jenny's story:

With a lot of help, I was able to welcome three large hermit crabs into my 4th grade eastern PA classroom last fall! The LHCOS Facebook page connected me with approved sellers who donated almost my entire crabitat set up! Claws in the Classroom provided shells and a great assortment of food, and the adoption site led me to my class's beloved Mr. Crabs, Hermie, and SpongeBob! Crab Central Station videos on YouTube, in addition to helpful members of the hermie community, helped this first time crab owner learn a ton about proper care. I am proud to be part of this community, and to pass my new love and knowledge of hermit crabs onto my students!

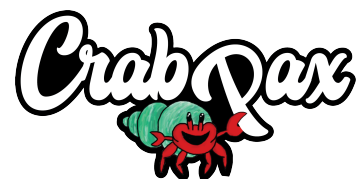
## What vendors got up to in 2023



Canadian Chubby Crab



A Little Crabby Co-Op



Crabpax

This vendor continued to serve the Canadian market in 2023 with top of the line nutrition as well as support Canadian Facebook groups, teaching keepers about LHCOS and adoption.

This vendor continued to be dedicated to innovation with products like shell gauges and leg gauges new in 2023 as well as active as a mod or admin in multiple Facebook groups.

This vendor was able to adopt seven hermit crabs, donate to local animals in need, and help the community with giveaways and donated supplies. They humbly credit all this to their customers.

Are we missing something? Submit information for the next newsletter here:

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## Start the new year strong with a Hermit Crab Calendar from LHCOS.

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### Land Hermit Crab Owners Society

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