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□ Author: [Curlz](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 3:15 am

Hi @ all,

in our german forum we have a sad statistic about the **death rate** of strawberries (**C. perlatus**). And I am wondering if you have the same experience...

Since three years we are writing down how much hermit are new and how much are dying. And sadly the Strawberries are top-rated 😞

58 were purchased

29 of them died

that's a **death rate** of 50%

Unfortunately not all of our users can tell when they die. So I can't tell the time of **death**. Only of a few of them:

11 died between the first 3 month

10 died between the first year

3 died after the first year

and only two or three hermit fans were able to care about them over years.

And we still have no clue about the special needs of strawberries. In nature they are living side by side with reggies. So I do not think they are in need of such special food or stuff....

some think: they are too old when they are sold. (Because most of all straws are very big)

Some other think: they are in need of more sunlight.

Some other think: they are in need of specialised food.

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Can you tell me about your experience with the **death rate** of strawberries here in your forum .?

Love sincerely,

[Curlz](#)

Re: C. perlatus (Strawberry) death rate

□ Author: [Careyenz](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 4:30 am

I've had my straws for over a year. I have three jumbos and a small. I lost three very quickly. Two were teenies coming out of a bad mall kiosk location, and one was pretty small bought through LHC mail order. The bigger ones seemed to have thrived with me. However, one of my jumbos grew from a small after rapid, almost obsessive, molts. I have no reason to believe I'll lose one anytime soon. They all appear to be very happy and healthy. Plus, I've been through many molts with them. I have them in a multi species tank, humidity sits steadily between 80-82 and my temp sits between 82-84 degrees. I feed them fresh and dried foods, and a [strawberry](#) supplement for color.

[Careyenz](#)

Re: C. perlatus (Strawberry) death rate

□ Author: [kuza](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 7:03 am

I sometimes wonder if it's because of what they feed them on the island. As seen in this picture, they are fed garbage, so maybe the ones that come from specific sources are not going to live very long;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHarWp0CkQ0>

I also wonder about vitamin D, maybe it's not just UVB/sunlight they need, maybe it's just Vitamin D in general. So I've started feeding my crabs fresh salmon since it's got the most vit D possible from food source.

I've only had my strawberries for under a year and about 3-4 molts so I'm still "fairly" new but I haven't lost any yet out of 4.

This person on facebook seems to have great success with them too:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Susan-St ... 0417674955](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Susan-St...0417674955)

[kuza](#)

Re: C. perlatus (Strawberry) death rate

□ Author: [Curlz](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 7:38 am

thank you 😊

@careyenz: so you do nothing special for them. Just treat them like other species?

well, the worst "garbage nature thing" is one of my first thoughts. If they came from such horrible places, they won't live long...

But other hermit species are living in such "carbage" places, too. hm....

Yes, we got a discussion about sunlight (UVB / Vitamin D), too.

But why should this be more important für [perlatus](#) and not for reggies or other species? And why should be sunlight important for animals with nocturnal activity?

Food is important surely.

Most of our hermit fans are trying to feed a variety of fresh food, fish, flesh, fruits, vegetables and stuff.

Some say the food will change the color of the exoskeleton. In my case I can't confirm this. All of my crabs, even my first ones (April 2009) still got the same color.

Well I think this is a mysterium which I will never find out. Strawberries are more sensitive than other species, that's a fact. They seem to be biologically special.

Love sincerely,

[Curlz](#)

Re: C. perlatus (Strawberry) death rate

□ Author: [kuza](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 10:09 am

I've had the best success [rate](#) with Straws myself, but maybe their time is coming, I really hope not.

[kuza](#)

[Re: C. perlatus \(Strawberry\) death rate](#)

□ Author: [Careyenz](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 10:31 am

My straws are my most active species during the day, so maybe light does have something to do with it. I really don't treat mine different than my other crabs, but I have a very low mortality [rate](#) overall. I keep them with PPs, violas, E's, and indos. I do keep my tank very warm to accommodate the straws. The very small straws I did lose all passed during molts, although I'm pretty sure one was painted into a horrible shell.



This is a pic of my baby. The other two I got with her didn't make it.

[Careyenz](#)

[Re: C. perlatus \(Strawberry\) death rate](#)

□ Author: [RockyGurly](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 12:17 pm

One of our members, killimanjaro, uses UVB lighting for his crabs and prefers it, and he has some really healthy happy ones. I'm not sure if he has straws right now or about any of his **death** rates though, he hasn't been around much lately 😞

I've had two strawberries, one I had for 11 months before he died, but he pulled a shallow molt and was cannibalized. My second straw I've had since December and he's still with me, and I believe the fellow who had him before (he's adopted) had him for a year or so

We're not asked to do great things, we're asked to do all things with great care.

[RockyGurly](#)

[Re: C. perlatus \(Strawberry\) death rate](#)

□ Author: [kuza](#) » Tue Apr 23, 2013 1:08 pm

one thing that makes me unsure about the UVB or sun is the fact that they molt underground, for months at a time. There is no UVB reaching them there and that is where they do all their hardening. So this is why I believe they get their Vitamin D from diet over sunlight. And the fact that they eat fish on the beach that would be very high in vit D. Eggs as well.

[kuza](#)