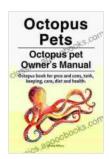
### Octopus As Pets: A Comprehensive Guide

Octopuses are one of the most fascinating creatures on the planet. They are highly intelligent, have a complex social structure, and can change their appearance to blend in with their surroundings. Octopuses are also relatively easy to care for, making them a great choice for aspiring pet owners.



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#### **Choosing the Right Octopus**

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There are over 300 species of octopus, but not all of them are suitable for keeping as pets. The most common species of pet octopus is the common octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*). These octopuses are relatively small, easy to care for, and have a docile temperament.

When choosing an octopus, it is important to select a healthy specimen. Look for an octopus that is active and alert, with clear eyes and a healthy appetite. Avoid octopuses with any signs of disease, such as lesions or discoloration.

#### **Setting Up the Tank**

Octopuses need a spacious tank with plenty of hiding places. The tank should be at least 10 gallons in size for a single octopus, and larger for multiple octopuses. The tank should be filled with saltwater that is between 75-80 degrees Fahrenheit and has a specific gravity of 1.025-1.027.

The tank should also include a variety of hiding places, such as rocks, caves, and PVC pipes. Octopuses need these hiding places to feel secure and to escape from predators.

#### **Feeding Your Octopus**

Octopuses are carnivores and their diet consists of a variety of live foods, such as crabs, shrimp, and fish. You can also feed your octopus frozen or freeze-dried foods, but live foods are the best option.

Feed your octopus once or twice a day, depending on its size. The amount of food you give your octopus will also depend on its size and activity level.

#### **Caring for Your Octopus**

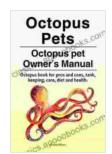
In addition to providing your octopus with a suitable tank and diet, you will also need to provide it with regular care. This includes cleaning the tank, changing the water, and monitoring your octopus's health.

The tank should be cleaned once a week. To clean the tank, remove all of the decorations and substrate. Then, use a gravel vacuum to clean the bottom of the tank. Finally, rinse the decorations and substrate with clean saltwater and replace them in the tank.

The water in the tank should be changed every two weeks. To change the water, remove half of the water from the tank and replace it with clean saltwater. Be sure to match the temperature and specific gravity of the new water to the water in the tank.

You should also monitor your octopus's health on a regular basis. Look for any signs of disease, such as lesions, discoloration, or changes in behavior. If you notice any signs of disease, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Octopuses are fascinating creatures that make unique and rewarding pets. By providing your octopus with a suitable tank, diet, and care, you can help ensure that your pet lives a long and healthy life.



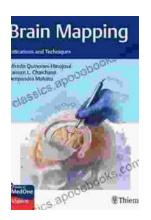
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