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Sugar Gliders

(Petaurus breviceps)



Country of Origin: Australia

Diet: Sugar Gliders are omnivores so require insects as their main diet with a mixture of seeds and fruit. Occasional yoghurt and tinned fruit cocktail in syrup is a favourite as they have a very sweet tooth! In captivity pellets are available providing a balanced Sugar Glider feed. Water should be readily available

Social Groupings: Best kept in pairs they are very playful and inquisitive so need plenty to keep them occupied. They are nocturnal so are great fun in the evenings and early morning. If handled regularly can become very tame, making an excellent pet!

Accommodation: Best kept in a large wire cage similar to that of chinchillas with plenty of branches and ropes etc to play on. They need a dark warm place to sleep so a nest box with shavings/hay is an ideal bed, tissue paper also makes satisfactory bedding material.

Marsupial: The sugar glider is a marsupial and therefore carries its joey in a pouch for 6 - 7 weeks whilst it develops fully. The joey will not emerge until it is ready and must not be disturbed during this period.

Gestation period	After 14 - 16 days joey transfers to pouch. Begin to emerge from pouch at approx 10 weeks.
Litter Size	1 - 3
Weaning Age	4 months
Puberty	12 - 18 months
Adult Length	Approx 15cm
Oestrus (or season)	
Life Expectancy	10 years +