

WILDSIDE VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER
CARE SHEET: SUGAR GLIDERS



Sugar gliders are small marsupials native to Australia, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. They are becoming increasingly popular as pets due to their small size, playful demeanor, and adorable appearance. However, they require specific care to thrive in captivity. Here's a comprehensive care sheet to help you provide the best environment for your sugar gliders.

Caging, social life and behavior

- Size: A spacious cage is essential for sugar gliders as they are highly active animals. Aim for a cage that is at least 24 inches wide, 24 inches deep, and 36 inches tall for a pair of sugar gliders.
- Bar Spacing: Make sure the cage bars are spaced no more than 0.5 inches apart to prevent escapes.
- Vertical Space: Sugar gliders are arboreal creatures and love to climb. Opt for a cage with multiple levels and branches for climbing and exploration.
- Safe Materials: Ensure the cage is made of safe materials such as powder-coated metal, as sugar gliders may chew on cage surfaces.
- Hides - Have multiple pouches and hiding areas to guarantee comfort and a safe space for them.
- Social life - Sugar gliders are social animals and thrive in the company of their own kind. It's recommended to keep them in pairs or small groups to prevent loneliness and boredom.
- Behavior - Keep in mind that sugar gliders are nocturnal animals, meaning they are most active during the night. Provide them with a quiet environment during the day to mimic their natural habitat. Avoid disturbing them during their daytime rest.

Food and water

- 75% food made specific for sugar gliders:
 - 50% HPW (Critter love, Instant HPW Exotic Nutrition)
 - 25% Pellet diet (Exotic Nutrition Zoo Pro)
- 15% Vegetables (dark leaves, zucchini, squash, green beans, peas, carrots)
- 10% Fruits (blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, peach, papaya, cantaloupe)
- Supplements - Calcium supplement and Multivitamin (Exotic Nutrition)
- Offer clean water at all times.

Veterinary care

- Yearly wellness exam is recommended for young animals. After 7 years old they should be seen every 6 months.
- Sugar Gliders do not need vaccines.

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- Sugar gliders are very good at hiding their disease, so if you have any indication that your pet is not doing well, please call us ASAP.