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Supply List:

- Large Cage
- Water bottle
- Safe Bedding
- Food
- Safe Wheel
- Toys

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Sugar Glider Care Sheet

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These nocturnal
marsupials originate
from Australia.



1. Cage: Due to their arboreal nature, sugar gliders need a taller cage. Make sure there is ample space for them to jump and glide. The Critter Nation 2 story cage is an excellent cage for a pair of sugar gliders. Other bird cages also work well. Ensure bar spacing is no more than 0.5 inches apart.
2. Bedding: Sugar gliders like soft bedding, however, their small toes and nails can get stuck. Make sure to use fleece and that the stitch is tight so toes don't get caught.
3. Wheel: Wheels also have special requirements. Gliders jump while they run so make sure there is no middle bar for them to get tangled into. Also, make sure the bottom is a big enough mesh that they don't get their toes caught. A larger wheel 12 inches in diameter is best.
4. Toys: Gliders like a variety of toys. Some like the bracelets to carry others like toys to climb in and on. Make sure toys are safe so they cannot get stuck or swallowed/choke on and inspect toys often for damage.

Diet:

Sugar Gliders' diet is varied in the wild. In captivity one of the biggest things is to make sure they have a proper (2:1) Calcium to Phosphorus ratio.

We recommend their main diet can consist of either: the Original High Protein Wombaroo diet (a diet created by the Austrian Zoo) or Mazuri Insectivore Pellet food and fresh fruits and veggies. Bourbon's Modified Leadbeaters is another staple diet.

Good to Know:

- Sugar Gliders are colony animals and therefore need to have at least one other glider with them or they can have serious health and husbandry issues.
- As noted in the diet section, proper calcium to phosphorus ratio is needed to prevent major health issues like hind-end paralysis.
- Gliders tend to be shy animals until they get to know their owner but they can make amazing bonds with them once they acclimate!