



All Creatures Animal Hospital

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Sugar Gliders As Pets

Average Lifespan: 8-14 years

Diet

- High protein diet should be about 40-50% of your pets diet such as crickets, pinky mice, or hard-boiled eggs.
- Fruits and vegetables are given as 10-15% of the diet.
- The remaining portion of the diet should be sap-based.
- Calcium and iron supplements should be given 1-2 times weekly.

Grooming/Bathing

- None needed as long as housing is kept clean.

Spay/Neuter

- Male neutering is recommended to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Housing Recommendations

- Tall, large wire caging is needed. Sugar gliders like to climb and need space.
- Places to hide, such as nesting boxes must be provided.
- Paper or aspen bedding is best (avoid cedar, pine, and sawdust bedding).
- Keep in temperatures between 75-80°F.

Annual Exam Recommendations

- This time spent with our exotic veterinarian allows us to form a preventative plan for your pet. We can analyze your current husbandry and make suggestions.
- Fecal examinations check for internal parasites.
- Physical examinations by our veterinarian are needed.

Senior Screening

- Blood work is required to check the functioning of your older sugar glider's organ systems and check for cancer.

Common Medical Conditions

- Internal parasites can occur causing diarrhea and loss of appetite.
- Respiratory infection can occur causing eye and nasal discharge and/or sneezing.
- Malnutrition can result in rickets, rear limb paralysis, and blindness.
- Stress-related disease can occur such as anorexia and self-mutilating behaviors.