



Sugar Glider

Petaurus breviceps



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Introduced into the United States approximately 15 years ago as domesticated house pets, Sugar Gliders are an extremely popular companion pet.

Habitat / Climate

Wooded forest
Eucalyptus trees

Where am I from?

The sugar glider (*Petaurus breviceps*) is a small arboreal marsupial that is found in the forests of Australia, as well as in Tasmania, New Guinea, and the neighboring islands of Indonesia.



Who are my relatives?

Several close relatives, however, are endangered, particularly Leadbeater's Possum and the Mahogany Glider. I am born very small I climb into my mothers pouch until I am 70 days old. This little creature is a member of the same order that includes kangaroos, opossums, wombats and Tasmanian devils!



Other family members:

Breviceps
Norfolcensis

Breeding

Litter size is normally 3

How am I born?

After about 16 days in the mother, the baby is born, with a weight of only 0.2 grams. It must then find its way to the mother's pouch where it will finish its development attached to one of four nipples for about 70 days.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

A mated pair may produce up to three litters a year with one or two babies per litter being the norm. They stay in the pouch 70 days and come out of the nest 3and1/2 months later

Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	A	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O	E
	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C

What kind of family life do I have?

Because of their social nature, pet gliders should always be kept in pairs or small groups. No matter how much time you plan to spend with your pet, you cannot replace the companionship of another glider. It is unnatural for a glider to ever be alone, and unfair to force solitude upon your pet. When housed alone, gliders are likely to become depressed, withdrawn, even defensive, and may refuse to eat and could eventually die from loneliness! If you aren't interested in breeding, same sex groups are able to get along. If keeping males together, they should be litter-mates or introduced at a young age.

Names for:

Adult male-
Adult female-
Young-
Group:-

What do I eat and when do I eat?

Diet consists primarily of fruits, vegetables and dried cat food. They also enjoy live insects, pinky mice (bought frozen from the pet store), scrambled eggs, yogurt, nuts, fruit flavored pablum, monkey biscuits and fruit juices.

Who are my predators?

The sugar glider is eaten by owls, kookaburras, quolls, cats, sand monitor lizards, and snakes.



Comments:

We have several Gliders here at the Ranch and they are so comfortable they breed and give us babies.