

## Technically, what is a Sugar Glider?

The sugar glider (*Petaurus breviceps*) is a small, omnivorous, arboreal, and nocturnal gliding possum belonging to the marsupial infraclass. The common name refers to its preference for sugary nectarous foods and ability to glide through the air, much like a flying squirrel. They have very similar appearance and habits to the flying squirrel despite not being closely related. The scientific name, *Petaurus breviceps*, translates from Latin as "short-headed ropedancer," a reference to their canopy acrobatics. Sugar gliders are characterized by their gliding membrane, known as the patagium, which extends from their forelegs to hindlegs. Gliding serves as an efficient means of both locating food and evading predators. They are covered in soft, pale grey to brown fur, which is lighter in color on their underside. The sugar glider is endemic to mainland Australia, New Guinea, and its surrounding islands and were probably introduced to Tasmania in the 1830s.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sugar\\_glider](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sugar_glider)



The Arizona Sugar Glider Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, family style rescue. It was founded for the purpose of making the lives of sugar gliders happy and healthy. We not only care for gliders, but offer education and mentoring to prospective and current glider parents.



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## What are SUGAR GLIDERS to AZSGR?

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To us, the sugar glider, affectionately called “suggies” are a pocket sized companion pet.

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Living **12 to 15 years**, with proper diet and care, these beautiful animals have the ability to emotionally attach or bond with their human parents, showing the affection equivalent to a small child.

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Suggies are colony animals so we have found they **survive better in pairs or small groups**. Having at least one same sex or neutered partner, allows for them to have companionship at night when they are most awake and active, without increasing the population.



Being **highly intelligent**, with the ability to use logic and reasoning, sugar gliders enjoy having toys and stimulation in their locking cage environments. While awake and active these natural gliding tree dwellers thrive in large cages, but when resting, choose to pile up on top of each other, cuddling together in fleece pouches. They often imitate this same cuddling with their human parents in bonding pouches or even clothes, hence their other nicknames of “Bra Babies or Pocket Pets.”

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As they are **omnivores** their diet is very similar to ours. They require protein such as cooked chicken, eggs and insects. Fruits and vegetables are very important in their diet, as sugar gliders have various vitamin and mineral needs. They do enjoy yogurt and yogurt drops even though they should have **no other dairy products**. As with all pets they should never receive junk food, chocolates, or candies.

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If you are interested in adopting sugar gliders, volunteering with our rescue, or would like to make a donation to help with rescuing these beautiful animals **please contact us!**

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