



**CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE BROUGHT YOUR SUGAR GLIDER
HOME. ONCE YOU GET YOUR SUGAR
GLIDERS CAGE SET UP, YOU BEGIN THE
TASK OF KEEPING YOUR GLIDER
ENTERTAINED.**

**SUGAR GLIERS ARE VERY CURIOUS AND
INTELLIGENT BEINGS. THEY REQUIRE A
VARIETY OF TOYS AND INTERACTIVE CAGE
MATERIAL TO STIMULATE THEIR MINDS. A
BORED GLIDER MAY BECOME DEPRESSED.
A DEPRESSED GLIDER MAY BEGIN TO SELF
MUTILATE OR STOP EATING. TO AVOID
THESE, PROVIDE A VARIETY OF TOYS AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAY AND FORAGING
FOR YOUR GLIDER.**



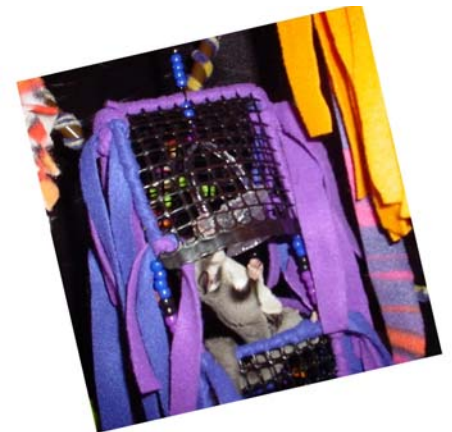
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SUGAR GLIDER ENRICHMENT



**KEEP YOUR SUGAR GLIDER
ENTERTAINED AND FREE OF
BOREDOM BY CREATING AN
ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL
STIMULATE YOUR SUGAR
GLIDERS MIND.**





Toys & Play

For the Cage & Beyond

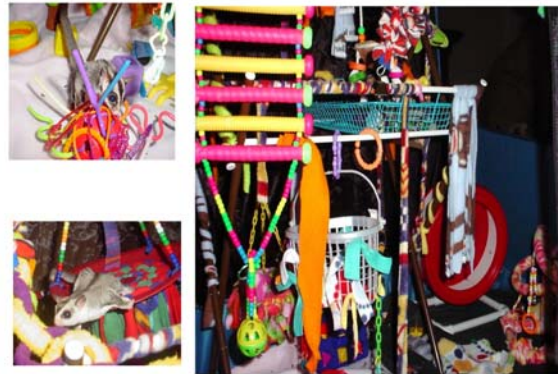
Sugar gliders love to explore. They are easily enticed by new toys and play opportunities. Within the cage, creativity rules! Provide as many opportunities as you can for your gliders to explore, forage and play. But be careful not to overload the cage with too much "stuff".

Within the cage, a gliders toys MUST be safe for them to play with unsupervised. Avoid toys with loose threads, small holes, slits and toxic materials. There are vendors online who sell safe toys. Or, you can make your own. No matter where they come from, provide a variety of toys within the cage.

RE-SET toys are always a hit with gliders. These are toys with rings, balls, etc. that the gliders can remove and play with all night.. Then, in the morning, you re-set them to their starting position. My gliders love to take their re-set toys into their pouch! Always remember, EVERY cage should have at least one glider-safe wheel!



Tent & Playtime



Your glider will require 1-3 hours of time out of his/her cage daily. Many people purchase a tent and set it up for play OR glider-proof their bathroom to make it a safe play area. Either option is very good. Your sugar glider will want to spend time exploring this larger space and playing with all the fun things you have put in the play area. After a time of doing this, your glider may come over to you and spend some time grooming you and running all over you. Tent/play time is a wonderful time for bonding with your sugar glider. You can start by providing only a few (2-3) toys and interesting things in the tent or play area. This will increase the chances of the glider spending more time with/on YOU. Once you are strongly bonded with your glider, you can increase the number of items for play, foraging, and exploring in the tent or play area.

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Foraging Opportunities

Foraging is the act of searching for and figuring out how to extract food or treats. By providing foraging opportunities for your glider, you provide increased cognitive stimulation and replicate behavior a glider would demonstrate in the wild.

Place treats/food in small cups and hide them. Purchase some foraging toys from reliable vendors. Create foraging toys with places to hide food/treats: cups, buckets, Easter eggs, etc. are all great places to hide treats. As with all items, these must be safe for gliders before they are used.

