

## Sugar Glider Elimination Behavior

**Sugar gliders cannot be litter trained so provide a clean environment.**

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Sugar gliders tend to urinate and defecate when they are actively moving about their cage or while being handled. Sugar gliders cannot be trained to urinate and defecate in designated areas of the cage.

You can try to encourage your sugar gliders to eliminate before handling by gently brushing the underside of the tail base, near the genitals, with a soft tissue. The sugar glider then deposits the urine and feces on the tissue.

Clean cage bottom materials daily. You may need to change nest bedding weekly, but it depends on your sugar glider's elimination habits. Branches and toys may need to be cleaned at least once a month if urine odors start to accumulate.