

# AIKMAN

## Wildlife Adventure

March 2023

Dear Friends,

If this is your first newsletter, welcome. You will receive the newsletter once a month to update you on the happenings at Aikman Wildlife. We hope that you will come visit us in 2023! There are some exciting events planned for the year.

The AWA Team



### Adventures Make Great Presents

For being a member of our newsletter, we would like to reward you with a special Discount Code! Use code News15 when purchasing an adventure online and receive 15% off!

### FEATURED ANIMAL FOR MARCH

This month we are featuring our Sugar Gliders, Peekaboo and Ethel. Like other marsupials, sugar gliders have a pouch. They are small, arboreal and agile, with a body weight of barely four ounces. They are omnivores and insectivores, and therefore require a varied diet. Sugar gliders live for 10 to 14 years, though some are known to live longer. They are nocturnal, meaning they are active at night and sleep for much of the day.

As a nocturnal tree-dwelling species, they have large eyes to help them navigate in the darkness. They get their name from a flap of tissue connecting their wrists and ankles, called the patagium. This gliding membrane allows sugar gliders to sail from one place to another with remarkable accuracy.

**Length:** 6.2 in. (Adult)

**Scientific name:** *Petaurus breviceps*

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Cousin:** Kangaroos

**Family:** Petauridae

You can visit Peekaboo and Ethel through our Cute N' Cuddly encounter. They can also come out and visit you at one of our Wildlife on Wheels events.

Did you know that you can adopt the animals at Aikman Wildlife Adventure? We have adoption fees ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. These would make great presents or as a memorial. You can get more information on [www.aikmanwildlife.com/sable](http://www.aikmanwildlife.com/sable) or call Teri Moore at (217) -246-5869.

## Winter Fun At Aikman Wildlife Adventure

Don't get the winter blahs. We have many fun things to do this winter here at Aikman Wildlife:

March Madness begins Saturday, March 4th and every Saturday in March. We are opening the Walk-Thru, Drive-Thru, and Prehistoric Museum for donation only admission!! Spin the Wheel for huge discounts, hunt for coins around the park, and participate in scavenger hunts and crafts.

There are several encounters you can purchase when you come to the park such as:

Cute N' Cuddly - Experience a hands-on adventure with some of our cutest animals. Learn about the smaller species that live in our park.

Winter Barn Tour - Get up close and personal with our furry friends from the drive-thru area that need extra shelter during the colder months.

Wolfdog - Meet all of our wolfdogs. Learn about the species, where they came from and how they are taken care of at our park.

Furry Fox - Meet our foxes! Learn about the two breeds that we are building habitats for.

Reptile Mania - Closely interact with some of our reptiles while learning about each species. Discover details about their daily care and what they eat.

Take a walk through the Museum of Prehistoric Life - It features life size models of animals such as: Carnotaurus, Procoptodon, Gigantopithecus, Simbakubwa and many others.

Feed the Petting Zoo animals.





## Congratulations to Ruth!!!

We would like to congratulate our former summer intern and animal encounter employee, Ruth Fetzner, for completing her B.S. in Environmental Biology and graduating from Eastern Illinois University! We can't thank her enough for her hard work and dedication to our animals. She completed over 480 hours for her internship this summer, and has given countless encounters educating the public about our animals here at Aikman's! Her favorite animal is our hedgehog, Biscuit, (who loves her just as much), whom she spent several hours training for our encounters this summer.

