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TINY SUGAR GLIDERS SAVED BY WILDLIFE HABITAT

Forget the "A Team" or the "X-Men", there's a new band of superheroes making waves in Tropical North Queensland – the wildlife keepers at Port Douglas Wildlife Habitat.

Earlier this week, the keepers were faced with one of their most challenging cases of orphaned wildlife yet: two-month-old tiny sugar gliders.

Hairless, weak and only the size of a peanut, these miniscule marsupials are some of the youngest animals ever brought to the Habitat's Wildlife Care & Rescue Centre.

The juvenile Sugar Gliders were found by a Port Douglas local who rushed them to into the trusting hands of the park's wildlife keepers.

Wildlife Team Leader Sharni Thomas said with the correct intensive care, she was hopeful that the gliders would survive.

"Despite the fact these sugar glider joeys look so small and underdeveloped, it won't take long from this stage for them to grow fur, and open their eyes," she said.

"In a few weeks these joeys would be old enough to be left in the nest whilst mum would go out looking for food"

The gliders have been sent to Boongarry Vet where they will be hand-raised, and as with all animals brought to the Centre, the keepers intend to release them back into the wild when they are old enough.

Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas's Care & Rescue Centre is a non-profit establishment that rehabilitates injured and orphaned animals from some of the most endemic and unique species of the Wet Tropics. Locals are encouraged to make a donations to help some most iconic species.

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