Littlest Pet Shop themed Birthday Parties - ADORABLE!

A guide to hosting a memorable LPS Birthday Party!

May 22, 2008 - PRLog -- What a perfect party for your little animal lover! Kittens, Puppies, Turtles, Birds, Frogs and Butterflies! The toys are are Precious and the co-ordinating party supplies are equally adorable. Be sure to stock up on plenty of the themed partyware to start the party off! Invitations: Fur Paw Print Invites - Using card stock print all the party details like Time, Place, Location & Contact Information on the inside of the invite. For this you can use one of the hundreds of "free printable invites" websites that are available. First, Make a paw print template out of cardboard or some really thick card stock. Then, using fake fur (or any furry material) trace and cut out paw prints from the flat unfurry side. Attach the furry pieces to the front cover in the original paw print shape withe the caption "You are invite to a Paw-ty!" Another unique and crafty idea is to purchase some fancy paper & ribbon from your local scrap booking place. Choose your child's favourite colours, patterns and texture. Using a template of a bone shape cut out 3 shapes per regular sized sheet of paper. You want the shapes large enough to fit all the party info on the back. If your Handwriting is as terrible as mine, you can even print out the details in separate paragraphs, equal distances apart onto the paper and then cut the shapes out! On the front write the caption "I would PAWS-itively love for you to come to my Party" or "It would be PURR-fect if you would join me on my Special Day." In the upper middle of the bone, punch out 2 holes 3cm apart, weave the ribbon through and tie a big perfect bow! Decorations: When the guests arrive, paint a little kitten or puppy nose on them with face paint. It would be wonderful to have a professional face painter attend and then your guest could choose whichever animal they wish! If not, a cute nose will do. At the same time have them choose a bracelet out of a bag. You can purchase LPS ones or simply make your own. The bracelets are very important later on - so keep reading. I am partial to the co-ordinating pink and green colours for the decorations. Balloons and Streamers are so inexpensive but really liven up a room when added to the Littlest Pet Shop licensed party supplies like tablecovers and centerpieces. Have all your child's stuffed animals and LPS toys out both for play and for decoration. If your feeling crafty, why not turn a refrigerator box or perhaps a few larger boxes into a Pet Shop Village. Take out your spray paint, sharpies, craft boxes and your imagination. Wouldn't it be cute for the guests to play in the LPS Ice Cream Shop, Pet Store, Vet's Office, The Pool or the LPS Playground. Let your imagination run wild for that one! Party Crafts: The guests could make their very own pet houses! Collect some square boxes with lids or purchase some kraft paper or wood boxes from your local craft store. They do not have to be large - perhaps 6 or 7 inches squared. Using craft foamies, beads, construction paper and paint have them create their pet's very own home away from home. They will be adopting a new animal to keep in their home very soon but we will get to that in a minute! Another neat craft is to make a "dog tag" necklace or bracelet. Check out your local dollar store for animal dog tags -preferably in the shape of a bone. Yes, actual dog ID tags. Now all you need is some fishing wire or thin leather, jewelery clasps and beads of your choice. Choose your desired length, string half the beads, then the dog tag and the continue stringing the other half in the design or pattern you choose. Activities: A younger group may enjoy "Frog, Frog, Turtle" - an rendition of duck, duck, goose. "Lily Pad Leap" is a rendition of musical chairs where the kids frog jump onto lily pads to music instead of walking around chairs. The lily pads can be made of fabric, felt or paper-just make sure they are secured to the ground! Another game for the younger kids is "Turtle Pond." Simply fill a small pool or tub with water and plastic turtles(frogs/fish) and have each guest try to scoop out a turtle with a colander spoon. They turtles could have corresponding numbers and prizes! Now announce that it is time for the Pet Adoption ceremony to begin. Bring out a basket filled with LPS singles or small stuffed animals. Have everyone seated quietly and explain to them that the bracelet they choose at the beginning of the party has an animal match. By choosing a bracelet, they also chose an animal. Have each child come up one by one and find their match. They can co-ordinate by colours or by little numbers written inside the bracelet. When everyone has their animal it is now time to name their new pet and fill out the Adoption Certificates.

Free printable Certificates can be found online - just Google it. Now they have their very own animal and a hand crafted house to keep them in! Food: Hot dogs are the first thing that comes to mind but any of your child's favourite's will be great. Serve all your side dishes and snacks out of dog/cat bowls -Brand New ones of course that you can find in any \$1.00 section. The cake can easily be decorated with brightly coloured icing and your child's pet shop figures. You can also make a paw print cake by baking 1 round cake and three or four cupcakes for the claw pads. To make a paw print cupcake you can also use any colour or flavour you wish and make little paw prints using a peppermint patty and 4 upside down chocolate chips! Too Cute! Have Fun!

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