



Pet Shop Party Planning Guide

Recommended for ages 4-10
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Party Checklist

4-6 Weeks Before the Party

- Select Date:** _____ **Time:** _____
Place: _____
Plan a safe, inviting place for kids to have fun. Set time to **2-3 hours** for young children, and **3-4 hours** for older kids.
- Create Guest List**
Just fill out the handy list in this guide!
- Order [Party Supplies, Favors & Party Activities](#)**
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- Order Birthday [Costume/Outfit & Gifts](#)**
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Book Entertainment (optional)

2 Weeks Before the Party

- Order Cake**
Schedule to pick it up one day before the party.
- Mail [Birthday Invitations](#)**
Let the birthday child help by adhering the stamps and putting the invitations in the mailbox.
- Create List of Parent Phone Numbers**
Keep on hand in case of emergency.
- Plan Party Menu**
Check out the recipes in this guide. Ask parents if kids have any food allergies.
- Choose [Party Games](#) & Collect [Party Supplies](#)**
This guide has ideas that match your party theme!

2-3 Days Before the Party

- Prepare Cameras**
Check batteries. Charge video camera. Buy film or video cards. Get Birthday Message Cameras for the kids to use.

1 Day Before the Party

- Make Food & Drinks, Bake/Get Cake, Buy Ice**
Set out chilled/heated foods just before kids eat.
- Childproof & Decorate Party Area**
Remove breakable items and objects that could prevent guests from moving freely. Decorate with balloons, crepe paper, and other items included in your party pack.
- Set Up [Party Games](#), Fill [Favor Boxes](#) & [Piñatas](#)**
Invite your party child to help!

Party Day!

- Fill [Birthday Balloons](#) with [Helium](#)**
Waiting till party day ensures they float well. Gather in bunches, and attach to your front door and the birthday child's chair with curling ribbon.

After the Party

- Send [Birthday Thank-You Notes](#)**
Include party photos!

Animal Antics

Best Barks

Estimated time: 20 minutes.

Enlist adults to be judges of this party competition. (If possible, record the event on video—it'll be fun to watch later!) Give each "dog" a chance to demonstrate his or her best bark. When everyone has had a turn, award party prizes (like dog bone cookies) for the loudest, saddest, squeakiest, most real, funniest, etc.— so everybody wins.

Frog Pond

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$10.

Supplies:

- waterproof marker
- plastic or rubber frogs (1 for each child)
- prizes in separate paper bags (1 per child)
- plastic tub or kiddie pool filled with water
- colander with handle

This game of surprises is always a party favorite. Before the party, using the marker, write a different number on the bottom of each frog. Then write matching numbers on each prize bag. Set out the tub or pool, filled with water. At the party, invite all the kids to take a turn using the colander to scoop out a frog. Match the frog's number to one on a bag for the child's party prize.

Yarn Trails

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$11.

Supplies:

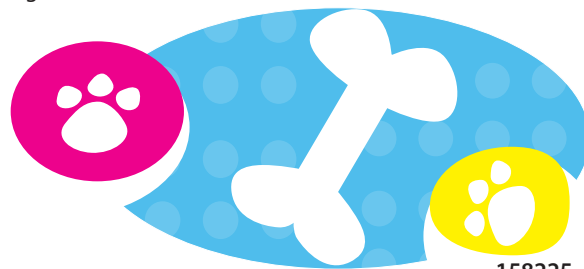
- 20-foot pieces of yarn (1 for each child)
- small toys or [favor items](#) (1 for each child)
- paper - scissors - pen

Little partygoers get to crawl on all fours like cats, and find a hidden surprise with this fun party game. Before the party, attach a small toy to the end of each piece of yarn. Hide toys in drawers, cupboards, under sofa pillows, etc. Then create a massive web of yarn trails by slowly stretching each length of yarn around the room, wrapping around furniture and intertwining with other pieces until you've used them all. Attach the name of a child to the other end of each piece. Then invite kids to find their names, and follow their yarn trails to discover a prize at the end.

Hide 'N' Seek

Estimated time: 25 minutes.

The birthday child begins the game by choosing their favorite Littlest Pet Shop character (taking on that pet's persona), and then counting aloud to 30 while everyone else hides. When done counting, it's time to search for the others. The last player to be found chooses their own Littlest Pet Shop character to personify and leads the next game.



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Super Snacks

Monkey Pops

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$14.

Ingredients:

- bananas - yogurt or warm chocolate sauce

Supplies:

- Popsicle® sticks - baking sheet - waxed paper

Kids go bananas over these tasty party treats. Before the party, peel the bananas and cut in half (across the middle). Push a Popsicle stick through the flat end, until it's inserted at least halfway through each banana. Transfer to baking sheet (lined with waxed paper) and freeze for at least 2-3 hours. Next, dip the frozen bananas into yogurt or warm chocolate sauce. Place back on lined baking sheet, and freeze for at least 2 hours before party time. Serve these tasty monkey pops frozen.

Dig-in-the-Dirt Pudding

Estimated time: 25 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$9.

Ingredients:

- chocolate instant pudding - gummy worms - Oreo® cookies

Supplies:

- small, food-safe dog dishes

Like little pups, kids have the opportunity to discover what's buried inside these tasty dishes. Label each **dog-dish** with a child's name. Before the party, make the pudding. Cool. Mix in gummy worms. Spoon into dog dishes. Crumble cookies to look like dirt chunks, and sprinkle on top. Serve with spoons.

Animal-Shape Sandwiches

Estimated time: 25 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$8.

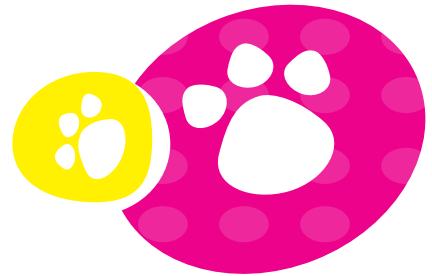
Ingredients:

- sliced bread - sandwich filling (your choice)

Supplies:

- cookie cutters or knife

Before the party, make sandwiches in a variety of fun animal shapes. (If using a nut butter sandwich filling, check with parents before the party about nut allergies, and spread very thin for kids under 4.) Cut sandwiches into animal shapes using cookie cutters or a knife (e.g. cat, monkey, turtle, frog, dog, duck, horse). Yum!



Got Everything?

Glance through the list below to see if you're missing any important items. Many can be found on the Littlest Pet Shop party theme page.

- [Party Pack Add-On](#) – for extra guests: includes invitations, plates, cups, forks, spoons and napkins
- [Personalized Banner](#) – for every occasion
- [Piñata & Fillers](#) – for every theme!
- [Party Activities](#) – many match our party themes
- [Helium Tank](#) – made of recyclable materials; check with your city for proper disposal
- [Standups](#) – for fun photos with kids' favorite characters
- [Party Music](#) – helpful during games, and to create a festive atmosphere
- [Party Favors](#) – fun take-home prizes

Party Guest List

This handy list will help you keep track of R.S.V.P.'s, and who you've sent thank-you notes to. Want to invite more guests? Simply extend the list!

Guest	RSVP	Thank-You	Guest	RSVP	Thank-You
1. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. _____	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>