

Vet's Clinic

Materials

chairs and desks
stuffed animals
books or magazines
telephone
keyboard
date book
clipboard with pencil
paper
posters of doctors, pets, and so on
table
play medical tools (stethoscope, blood pressure pump, thermometer,
and other tools)
nurse and doctor jackets, surgery scrubs, and shoe covers
stretch bandages and tongue depressors for splints
small plastic bandages

What to do

1. Set up a reception area with chairs, desk, and office equipment.
2. Behind the reception area, arrange medical diagnosis, treatment, and surgery areas.
3. Explain to the children what the areas are used for. For example, in the reception area, they may wait their turn, schedule appointments, and pay for services.
4. Encourage the children to take on different roles, such as pet owner, receptionist, doctor, and nurse.

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All About Oranges

Materials

oranges
plastic knives
juicer
two wooden crates

What to do

1. Give each child a plastic knife and a peeled orange. Encourage them to cut the orange in half and explore what's inside. After exploring, encourage them to eat their oranges. Show them how to make an "orange grin" by putting a slice of orange in front of their teeth.
2. Help the children squeeze fresh orange juice using a juicer. Pour the juice into small plastic cups for them to taste.
3. Have an "orange gathering" relay. Divide the children into two groups and have them stand in two lines behind a masking tape start line. At the other end, place two wooden crates and scatter oranges in and around each crate. When you say "go," the first person on each team races down to the other end and picks up all the oranges. Then they race back to the next person in line and dump the oranges for the next team member to gather. This continues until all the children have had a turn.

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Let's Have a Picnic

Materials

picnic basket
four to six place settings
plastic cups
picnic tablecloth
magazines
scissors
paper plates
glue
snacks (optional)