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- **Pretend Vet**

Set up a pretend veterinarians office in your living room or child's bedroom with stuffed animals. Gather together cats, dogs, teddy bears, birds, rabbits and any other stuffed animals. You can use laundry baskets as cages and boxes to keep the "puppies" in! Using a large piece of paper, help your child make a veterinarian sign. Get together some papers or old notebooks and create an appointment book. Use your imaginations! Encourage your child to play out the roles of customer, cashier and animal caretaker.

- **Matching**

Use one side of cut squares of paper or index cards, drawing animals to make game pieces. You can draw the same animal on two cards, or an animal and the place you can find it (ex. Draw a bear on one card and a cave on the other) or you can draw a mother animal on one card and a baby on the other (ex. Draw a dog on one and a puppy on the other). Do this with several different animals. When you are done drawing all of the animals, lay the cards face down and mix them up. Now try to match the animals with the right home or mother.

- **Modeling Dough**

With the no bake recipe for modeling dough provided below, you and your child can create your own animals to go along with the story.

4 cups flour
2 cups salt
food coloring
water



Add enough water slowly to the flour and salt to make a soft, workable dough. Stop when the dough is still a little dry. Add food coloring. Work by hand for 10 minutes.

Other Books for Children

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle

If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff

Wiggle Waggle by Jonathan London

***Be sure to visit your local library!**

Books for Parents

Mister Roger's Plan and Play Book by Family Communication

Preschool Art by MaryAnn Kohl