## CRAFTY IDEAS

## "Zoo Pals"—Creative Fun With Paper Plates

(NAPSA)—Here's food for thought: Paper plates featuring fun animal characters can be used for creative fun when mealtime's done.

Designed especially to appeal to moms with younger children, Hefty® Zoo Pals™ plates reduce mealtime hassles by helping youngsters have more fun while they eat. This adorable new line of paper plates includes more than 50 different, brightly colored animals, each with distinctive ears, eves. paws or fins serving as novel dipping wells for sauces. Made of heavy-duty coated paper, Hefty Zoo Pals plates are both soak-resistant and microwaveable, delivering outstanding functionality and fun-at an affordable price.

The fun doesn't have to end when the meal does. Use Hefty Zoo Pals plates in a variety of entertaining and even educational ways. Here are some helpful hints:

- Put on a puppet show. Glue or tape a stick to the back of the plate to make fun animal puppets.
- Clever costumes. To make a mask, simply glue or tape a stick to the back of the plate, cut out the eyes and you have an instant disguise. You can also create sets of animal ears. Cut the ears off a Zoo Pals plate and glue or tape them to a plain headband for fun pretend play.
- Creative Creatures. A Hefty Zoo Pals plate is excellent for holding favorite paints for artistic projects. The three compartments keep colors from running together—or put glue in one ear or paw and glitter in another.
- Matching memory game. Select up to six matching pairs of



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Zoo Pals animals and shuffle them. Lay them face down on the table or floor. To play, simply turn over two plates at a time. If the plates don't match, return to upside down position and try again. When the child finds a matching set, that pair remains right side up. The game is over when all pairs are revealed correctly.

- Flashcard Fun. Use Zoo Pals plates to help teach children animal names, colors, sounds, facial features and starting letters.
- Party animals. Use Zoo Pals plates to create a themed birthday party, complete with animal-shaped cake and a visit to the zoo.
- Be a zookeeper. Trade with friends to build your Zoo Pals plates menagerie. There are more than 50 different animals to collect.

For more activity ideas and games with Zoo Pals paper plates, visit www.heftyzoopals.com.