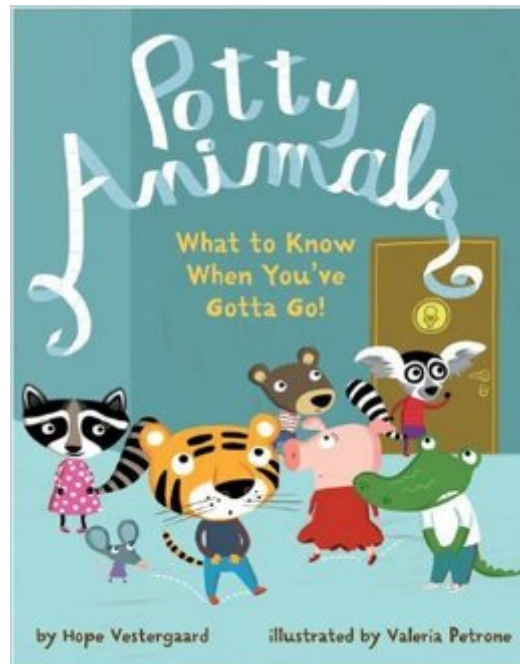


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# Potty Animals: What To Know When You've Gotta Go!



## Synopsis

Meet Wilbur, who wonâ€™t wash his hands after going potty. Wilma, who waits too long; and sometimes doesnâ€™t make it in time. And Freddie, whoâ€™s afraid to flush. These are just a few of the preschool animals who need a little help with their bathroom etiquette! With wit and good humor, Hope Vestergaard presents a unique toilet basics guide for toddlers. It covers everything from lifting the seat and closing the door to planning ahead when youâ€™re on a trip. All told in cheerful rhyme, with hilarious illustrations, itâ€™s a fun way to handle a serious subject.

PLAN AHEAD! DONâ€™T WAIT TOO LONG! GO POTTY BEFORE YOU SLEEP! EXCUSE YOURSELF! KNOCK FIRST! BE SURE TO LIFT UP THE SEAT! CLOSE THE DOOR! DONâ€™T LOLLYGAG! NEVER FORGET TO WIPE! WASH YOUR HANDS! ZIP AND FLUSH! ALWAYS TURN OUT THE LIGHT!

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## Customer Reviews

Congratulations, you've successfully potty-trained your child! They can run to the potty, pull down their pants and do their thing. However, just maybe, there is some fine-tuning that needs to take place. Maybe your child is afraid to flush, doesn't wipe or wash their hands, leaves the door open, or a multitude of other pottying misdemeanors. What to do? Your shelves hold the standard

potty-training books, but where's the sequel; the follow-up title that leads to mastering all the finer points of using the toilet? Welcome to *Potty Animals: What to Know When You've Gotta Go!* Written in rhyme punctuated by emphatic statements, author Hope Vestergaard sneakily invites young children to correct the potty mistakes that a group of preschool or early elementary aged animals make in their toileting habits. Freddie the rabbit is afraid to flush, Helga the duck lallygags, Georgie won't wipe, and Farley won't close the door! Not only that, but there's an entire crew of tiny critters who exhibit a wide range of potentially embarrassing and unhealthy habits that must be curbed! Illustrator Valeria Petrone's comical, clothed critters are caught in the act - barging Benji is suddenly surprised when someone barges in on him for a change, Stanley is spotted tinkling on his shoe as he pees outside behind a tree, and Ziggy's zipper is left embarrassingly open. There's no doubt what these critters are up to, with pants pulled down and perched on the potty, however Petrone does use tactful positioning of books and other elements to avoid embarrassment for young readers and their parents. When I flipped open *Potty Animals* with my children I wasn't really sure what to expect. I hadn't pre-read this title, and just dove in.

My daughter LOVES this book! Definitely in her Top 5 of favorite potty books. We have a full potty library, about 15-20 books, and this is a great one. The rhymes and illustrations make this a winner. My husband and I read this in a humorous way for her to make her laugh. It's really easy to make this funny for kids if you try. This is probably best for kids who are potty trained but need help remembering etiquette, hygiene, and other important things. Great for preschool and kindergarten aged kids, since a lot of the book focuses on toilet etiquette and things which make an impact on kids in a social setting like preschool, daycare, school, etc. Many of these are important for all kids, whether in a social setting or not. I recommend it for ages 3-6, but I know some adults who could stand to read this as well! The setting is Sycamore Preschool, so that should give you an idea of the age group this is meant for. Unlike many potty training books, this addresses the need to stop playing and go to the toilet right away. This is a big problem in my house. My daughter gets involved in a task or game and doesn't want to stop playing to go to the toilet. In the back of the book is a little rhyme to summarize the whole book which is really cute. "Plan ahead! Don't wait too long! Go potty before you sleep! Excuse yourself! Knock first! Be sure to lift up the seat! Close the door! Don't lollygag! Never forget to wipe! Wash your hands! Flush and zip! Always turn out the light!" This addresses some issues which are mainly for males, like lifting the seat and aiming correctly. One little boy prefers to pee behind a tree instead of going inside to the toilet. But this is a good book for boys and girls.

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