

Pink Poodle in Paris

Party Planning Guide

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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 BirthdayExpress.com is the place! You'll find over 150 party themes, with party pack options for all of them. Expecting more guests? Choose our Pack Add-On option. Order Birthday Costume/Outfit & Gifts BirthdayExpress.com has lots of fun choices. Look for our costumes, T-shirts, hats and special birthday gifts designed to match our party themes. 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!

Pink Poodle Play

Pretty Poodle Parlor

Estimated time: 5 minutes per child. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$32. Supplies:

- pink poodle ears (1 headband per child)
- face paint/costume make-up
- mirrors

As your poodle partiers arrive, invite them to change into pink poodles. Set up a table with all the items. Kids can put on pink poodle ears, and paint noses and whisker dots on each other's faces. Glitter always adds a fun touch, too.

Puppy Couture

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$45.

- pink poodle bean bags (1 per child)
- sequins and glitter
- plastic gems
- felt and stick-on self-fastening strips
- construction paper and tape
- safety scissors
- colorful pipe cleaners

Since Paris is the center of fashion, puppies get dressed up, too. Dogs often go along to restaurants and grocery stores looking oh-so-cute in fancy clothing. Give all the kids their own pink poodle, or invite them to bring along a plush puppy of their own to make all fancy at the party. Set out supplies for the kids to create sparkling collars with sequins, glitter and plastic gems. Encourage them to think of a French name for their animals, and decorate a nametag for the collar. Show how to use felt and stick-on self-fastening strips (or paper and tape) to make fancy clothes.

Musical Pink Poodle

Estimated time: 25 minutes. Estimated cost for game: \$3. Supplies:

- pink poodle bean bag
- party favors (for prizes)
- party music CD

Select a plush pink poodle toy and a bag of prizes. Seat everyone in a circle, and put on some lively music. Kids pass around the pink poodle while music plays. When music stops, player holding the pink poodle wins a prize and steps out of the game. Continue until everyone has won.

French Puppy Chatter Chain

Estimated time: 25 minutes.

Poodles love to pass along a message from pooch to pooch until the whole village is barking. Have kids line up at least a few feet apart. Whisper a pink poodle sentence* to the first child; that child then whispers the sentence to the next child, and so on. The last child repeats the sentence out loud. Kids will laugh at how it's changed! Let kids take turns being first and last. (*Sample sentence: "I love to smell nice—Arf!

—with eau de toilette. Arf! Arf!")

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Bon Appétit!

Café Croissants

Estimated time: 20 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$18. Ingredients:

- mini fresh or frozen croissants
- cream cheese
- turkey, lettuce, tomato (or cucumber, carrots and lettuce)

Celebrate with food that has French flair! Purchase fresh croissants or bake frozen ones (miniature size is especially fancy). Slice in half, and spread cream cheese inside. Then fill with remaining ingredients. Trés bon!

Prancing Pink Punch

Estimated time: 20 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$6. Ingredients:

- ginger ale or lemon-lime soda
- raspberry sherbet

Supplies:

- large punch bowl

Arf! This pink punch is sure to fizz its way into the hearts of all the kids. At serving time, place raspberry sherbet in punch bowl first (to cut down on splashes); then add ginger ale or lemon-lime soda, and let everyone watch the punch fizz.

Parisian Puppy Biscuits

Estimated time: 45 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$15. Ingredients:

- sugar cookie dough (homemade or store-bought)
- pink frosting (or white with a touch of red food coloring)
- edible glitter and sprinkles

Supplies:

- dog bone cookie cutters

These fun-to-decorate cookies will have everyone begging for more. Use dog bone cookie cutters to cut out cookie shapes from rolled-out sugar cookie dough. Allow extra time if making dough at home. Bake and cool. At the party, provide frosting, edible glitter and sprinkles, and let the kids create their own treats!

Especially for the first birthday bébé our Pink Poodle in Paris 1st Birthday Party at 1stWishes.com!



Got Everything?

• <u>Party Pack Add-On</u> – for extra guests: includes invitations, plates, cups, forks, spoons and napkins

Glance through the list below to see if you're missing any important items. Many can be found on the Pink Poodle in Paris party theme page.

- <u>Piñata & Fillers</u> for every theme!
- Party Activities many match our party themes
- <u>Helium Tank</u> made of recyclable materials; check with your city for proper disposal
- Personalized Banner for every occasion
- <u>Standups</u> for fun photos with kids' favorite characters
- <u>Party Music</u> 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!

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Guest	RSVP	Thank-You	Guest	RSVP	Thank-You
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3.	Yes / No		13	Yes / No	
4.	Yes / No		14.	Yes / No	
5	Yes / No		15	Yes / No	
6.	Yes / No		16	Yes / No	
7.	Yes / No		17.	Yes / No	
8.	Yes / No		18	Yes / No	
9.	Yes / No		19	Yes / No	
10.	Yes / No		20.	Yes / No	