

# Potty Monkey™ Instructions

## *Please read instructions for the best results!*

The Potty Monkey™ is an excellent interactive toy for children 1-7 years of age. The Potty Monkey™ was designed to teach children potty training. However, it is also an excellent tool for young children who need to improve their potty habits. Potty Monkey™ encourages frequent bathroom visits, relaxed bathroom habits, and the importance of good bladder and bowel functions.

The Potty Monkey comes complete with the following:

- Potty Monkey™
- A flushing-sound toilet
- "The Potty Trainer" parents' book for potty training tips and methods to establish good potty habits after training
- "Monkey Learns to Potty" child's board book containing a story about Potty Monkey becoming potty trained
- Disposable diaper and big monkey underwear

## **HOW POTTY MONKEY™ WORKS**

The flushing toilet has a compartment for 2 "AA" batteries. Pushing the lever on the front causes the toilet to make a flushing sound.

Open the Velcro® on the back of the Potty Monkey™ and become familiar with the electronic box inside the monkey. There is "try me" switch and 2 adjustable timers for 30 or 90 minutes ("I" and "II"). Potty Monkey™ will ask to use the potty every 30 or 90 minutes when the switch is set to one of these timed positions. Potty Monkey™ will also talk whenever it is placed on the toilet and the monkey timer is on 30 min "I" or 90 min "II". There is also a compartment for the 3"AA" batteries.

Before you try to potty training your child it is a great idea to read "The Potty Trainer" for parent potty training tips and how to establish good childhood potty habits after training. Next, read the board book "Monkey Learns to Potty".

## **POTTY TRAIN POTTY MONKEY™**

Your child should realize that Potty Monkey™ has a diaper and big monkey underwear (included). Read the board book "Monkey Learns to Potty" with your child several times. Just like the story, help your child throw away the monkey's diaper and place the big monkey underwear on the Potty Monkey™. Encourage your child to stop using diapers or pull-ups and wear big kid underwear--just like Potty Monkey™.

Turn Potty Monkey™ on by turning the switch to "I". This will cause the monkey to ask to use the potty every 30 minutes. Potty Monkey™ will say funny and educational statements whenever it is placed on the toilet. Show your child how the Potty Monkey™ talks and sings when it is placed on the toilet. Show your child that the monkey's toilet is like the potty in your house and show how it flushes. These actions will introduce the Potty Monkey™ and the flushing toilet to your child.

Make it fun and exciting so your child will want to place Potty Monkey™ on the toilet.

Instruct your child to place Potty Monkey™ on the toilet whenever the timer causes the monkey to request to use the potty (or as often as your child wishes). If your child does not take Potty Monkey™ to the toilet, the monkey will again ask to use the potty. Each time the Potty Monkey™ asks to use the potty and is not placed on the toilet, the monkey will become more upset and worried about having an accident. If the Potty Monkey™ is not placed on the toilet after the third request then he will say "Oops I had an accident, please take me to the potty next time". Your child should develop a fun sense of responsibility for taking the Potty Monkey™ to the monkey toilet in order to avoid an accident.

Provide positive reinforcement each time your child correctly places the Potty Monkey™ on the toilet. Make it fun and exciting when Potty Monkey™ is happy to go potty. Flush the potty each time after the Potty Monkey™ is placed on the toilet. Use these experiences to educate your child that he/she should also use the potty whenever the Potty Monkey™ goes. It is fun for everyone to go. Place the monkey toilet near your child's potty so they can sit together as a team. Your child will learn to train Potty Monkey™ and in turn Potty Monkey™ will help potty train your child.

By placing the switch to "II" (90 minute timer) Potty Monkey™ will also help your potty trained child establish good potty habits so that accidents, urinary infections, constipation, bedwetting and other bladder/bowel problems can be avoided.

**Avoid placing the Potty Monkey or the plastic toilet near a regular commode (toilet) so they will not get wet or accidentally fall into or get flushed down a regular commode (toilet).**

## **TIPS FOR USING POTTY MONKEY™**

1. Use "I" timer setting when first potty training--new learners need frequent reminders.
2. Use "II" timer setting once your child has successfully potty trained. The "90 min" timer is an excellent tool to keep your child going every 90 minutes and develop good potty habits.
3. During frustrating times, take the toilet with you wherever you go so Potty Monkey™ can continue to use the toilet throughout the day. This will reinforce the importance of consistently using the potty.
4. Boys should initially learn to sit and use the toilet just like Potty Monkey™.
5. Listen carefully to each of the random Potty Monkey™ statements. There are several useful hints for your child to learn good potty habits.
6. Replace the batteries in either the flushing toilet or Potty Monkey™ whenever necessary.