

Pointers For Parents

Dolls That Are Fun, Nurturing Play Experiences

(NAPSA)—One of the most joyful moments of parenthood is when your toddler says toodle-loo to diapers and starts learning how to use the potty. This may account for the popularity of a new generation of dolls that showcases a different stage of a baby's or toddler's development from playing peekaboo to potty training.

One of these new dolls, Hasbro's Baby Alive Learns to Potty doll, learns how to use the potty for the first time and needs help from her "mommy." Just like a "real" baby, she sometimes makes it and sometimes doesn't.

Further expanding the nurturing play of Baby Alive Learns To Potty is the doll that "eats," "drinks" and goes "potty" like a real baby. Girls simply "feed" the doll her special "food," give her a "bottle," and then she will let her "mommy" know she needs to "pee" or "poop." Girls then take their doll to her special "potty"—but be careful, just like a real life doll, sometimes she can hold it until she gets to the "potty" and sometimes she can't! Similar to a real baby, the doll really "learns" to use her "potty"—the more girls nurture and care for their baby, the better she gets at "holding it."

Another in this new generation of dolls is Baby Alive Go Bye Bye. With this doll, girls can take their precious little one on-the-go. Everyday "traveling" is made eas-



The playful and nurturing side of dolls are delighting girls ages 3 and up.

ier thanks to the colorful, convenient carrier that converts into five different positions including a baby carrier, feeding chair, rocking cradle, front carry pack and tote.

Hasbro is also introducing two other additions to the Baby Alive family—the Baby Alive Newborn Feed 'N Kicks doll and the Baby Alive Newborn Peek-N-Play doll. Like a "real" newborn, the Peek-N-Play doll loves to have fun. Girls can simply place the baby's hands over her eyes, press her foot and the baby will "play" peekaboo.

Each of the dolls comes with a removable diaper.

For more information on Baby Alive, visit www.babyalive.com.