Doll Rescue Team

Carry a doll on a stretcher by planning and moving together.

Helps Your Child Grow



Relationships with Other Children

Planning the rescue order, dividing roles, and transporting toy animals together gives your child experience coordinating with a peer toward a shared goal.



Gross Motor

Adjusting their own movements to carry a toy with a partner gives your child practice coordinating the body with another person's pace and position.

Steps

- Meet a friend outdoors for an animal-rescue teamwork game.
- Place several toy animals under a tree, on a bench, and beside the grass. Use a small backpack as a "stretcher" and explain, "The animals are hurt and cannot move. You need to carry them back safely."
- Let the children decide which animal to rescue first and how many to carry at once. When they have a plan, each child holds one end of the backpack and they carry the animal back together.
- If an animal starts to wobble, invite the children to stop and discuss new jobs. One might lead the way while the other steadies the animal.
- If they disagree about which animal to rescue next, encourage them to suggest a solution: Should they help the nearest animal first or the one farthest away?
- Once they agree, encourage them to remind each other of the plan and set off toward the next animal together.

Tips

- Children may grab for the same object or disagree while working together. Observe before stepping in and give them a chance to talk and try their own solution.
- Their plan does not need to be perfect. Discussing and adjusting it together is part of learning to cooperate.

Observations

- ◯ Plans with a friend how to share the jobs and carry a toy animal back safely
- ◯ Coordinates movements with a friend to keep the toy animal from falling