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Baron's Report: Five Tips for a Great Birthday Party

1) The Guest List

I've always found it beneficial to invite friends with money. They usually bring the best gifts. If you're thinking of inviting children, my advice would be no. Children are noisy, will compete for attention and may try to eat your cake. If someone is trying to convince you to invite cats, my advice again is no. I've heard too many horror stories of catnip-spiked cupcakes.

2) The Location

The backyard is an ideal location for a birthday party. However, you must be sure to use the scooper before your guests arrive, if you know what I mean. If you live in an apartment, keep the group small. (Choose your guests by income level per my advice in "The Guest List" above.) I'm not a big fan of hosting events at a local dog run. Too many dogs of questionable character may try to crash your party.

3) The Food

Unless you're the type to raid the pantry days before your guests arrive, it's best to order the treats, cookies and cake ahead of time. If you do most of the prep a day or so before the party, you'll have more time to open your presents when your guests arrive. As for choosing between a sit-down dinner and buffet, it's really a matter of personal preference. But I can tell you from experience that if you choose to have a buffet, it's better to invite your friends with the shortest snouts. Either way, make sure you have enough for leftovers.

4) The Decorations

Note: If ordering a pinata, make sure there will be a human available to hold a stick and give the pinata a good whack. Otherwise, save your money. Party hats, matching plates and balloons are always a nice touch.

5) The Party Games

One of my personal favorites, "Red Rover, Red Rover Let Rover Come Over" is always a good choice if teams are relatively equal in size and no one's name is actually Rover. "Pin the Tail on the Cat" is very popular in the Northeast. All you need is a Manx, some tape and a rope. (You'd be surprised at how much cats love this game. Really. They do.) "Duck, Duck, Golden Doodle" is popular among younger party-goers because it involves so much running around in circles.

You'll find great birthday party treats and birthday gifts for your friends and family at www.whiskergifters.com.



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