

## VTech® Delivers Engaging Play Experiences with Exciting New Themes to Award-Winning Go! Go! Smart Lines

Proprietary SmartPoint® and MagicPoint® Technologies Bring New Playsets to Life

CHICAGO, July 19, 2016 /PRNewswire/ Today VTech® announces the availability of its multi award-winning Go! Go! Smart Friends®, Go! Go! Smart Wheels® and Go! Go! Smart Animals® product lines, featuring its innovative MagicPoint® and SmartPoint® technologies that truly bring the toys to life while teaching first words, letters and more as children explore cause and effect relationships. The collections provide engaging experiences with an irresistible blend of technology and established play patterns, delivering multi-sensory learning to maximize toddler fun. Because kids love new adventures, VTech has added its most exciting play themes yet. The Go! Go! Smart Friends line has evolved with an enchanting new theme around princesses and kingdoms, and offers a luxurious palace that expands to four feet wide. Go! Go! Smart Wheels features its first motorized train that can climb hills on its own and, for the first time, Go! Go! Smart Animals includes domestic animals and a sprawling three story pet playland.

"We are so excited to expand our multi award-winning Go! Go! Smart lines with our most exciting themes and adventures yet to inspire children's endless imaginations," said William To, President, VTech Electronics North America. "We continue to look for new ways to incorporate traditional role-play infused with cutting edge technology, offering engaging, multi-sensory learning."

Go! Go! Smart Friends offers a comprehensive, multi-faceted play experience while delivering manipulative play features and charming details designed to captivate young children. The new princess-themed line is anchored by the Enchanted Princess Palace™, an epic castle that expands to four feet wide. It features five MagicPoint locations for children to interact with, boosting imaginative play while exploring cause-and-effect relationships. The palace also includes a tea set table with MagicChat™ technology, where Princess Darla can chat and sing with another character (sold separately), encouraging language development. Twinkle the Magical Unicorn™ will enchant kids as she walks forward, moves her head and flaps her wings with the push of a button. Kids can even feed her a golden carrot. Additional characters and playsets include a cottage, unicorns, a horse, princes, fairies and princesses, letting toddlers engage in imaginative role-play as they develop fine motor skills.

The colorful, interactive Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals spark toddlers' imaginations and encourage creativity while helping them explore concepts of cause-and-effect. They are designed to deliver important developmental benefits that help children reach social, emotional, language, cognitive, physical and motor milestones. As a child places a SmartPoint

vehicle or animal over SmartPoint locations found throughout the playsets, it will respond with lights, sounds and music. Kids will be amazed as they watch the new Go! Go! Smart Wheels Treasure Mountain Train Adventure™, with its first motorized train that can climb hills on its own. The Blast-Off Space Station™ sets children's imaginations soaring with manipulative play features to strengthen motor skills and innovative mechanical features like a rocket-blasting space ramp.

The Go! Go! Smart Animals collection is continuing to expand with the availability of its first domestic animals along with new furry animals. Toddlers can pamper their pets at the sprawling three-story Happy Paws Playland™, with a movable elevator and secret door to build fine motor skills and eight SmartPoint locations for stimulating interactivity. They can even take their animals for a ride on the Roll & Spin Pet Train™, an activity-packed vehicle that even has a spinning hamster wheel.

"The Go! Go! Smart lines offer children many opportunities for imaginative play, spatial relationships and language learning," said Dr. Lise Eliot, Early Brain Development Expert and VTech Expert Panel Member. "The vehicles, animals and characters spark children's imaginations while keeping them engaged, promoting listening skills and encouraging their verbal and cognitive development. In addition, building with the track pieces gives children the opportunity for constructive, spatial play that is crucial for later science and math learning."

Go! Go! Smart Friends is designed for children 1% - 5 years old, while Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals are designed for children 1-5 years old. The playsets also connect with other Go! Go! Smart Friends, Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals tracks (each sold separately) to allow parents to affordably extend the play value and further encourage their children's creativity and fun!

Highlights of the lines, available now, include:

Go! Go! Smart Wheels® Treasure Mountain Train Adventure™: It's a gold rush at the Go! Go! Smart Wheels Treasure Mountain Train Adventure. Turn on the motorized freight train and watch as it chugs around the tracks, through the tunnels and up hills on its own! The included train responds to nine SmartPoint locations with fun phrases, music and more. Pretend to mine for gold in the mountain by hammering the three shape-sorter blocks through the mine shaft. Each piece will roll down the mountain where it can be loaded onto the cargo car attached to the train. Or, kids can wait for the cargo car to pass under the mine shaft and try to hammer the shape-sorter blocks onto it. The gold mine also includes rotating gears and a crane to move the shape pieces around. Press the toy freight train's light-up button to hear three sing-along songs and learn the letter "F" and the name of the vehicle. Collect other SmartPoint vehicles, and connect to other Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals playsets with tracks (sold separately) to encourage children's creativity. (MSRP: \$54.99)

Go! Go! Smart Wheels® Blast-Off Space Station™: It's all systems go for learning with the Go! Go! Smart Wheels Blast-Off Space Station! Little astronauts will love helping the rocket lift off from the launch pad for an outer space adventure. They can maneuver down the space ramp, spin the galaxy or even pretend to tumble through a black hole. This out-of-this-world playset includes a variety of features to strengthen motor skills and help children explore cause-and-effect concepts. Along the way, they'll use the included SmartPoint rocket to zoom past five SmartPoint locations to hear fun phrases, music and more. Press the toy rocket's light-up button to hear sing-along songs and learn the letter "R." Collect other SmartPoint vehicles, and connect to other Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals playsets with tracks (sold separately) to encourage children's creativity. (MSRP: \$34.99)

Go! Go! Smart Friends® Enchanted Princess Palace™: Explore each magical room in the Go! Go! Smart Friends Enchanted Princess Palace. This epic palace expands to four feet long and has a variety of luxurious rooms including a ballroom, music room, kitchen, bedroom and observation tower. While exploring the palace with Princess Darla, place her on the five MagicPoint locations to experience her friendly personality, lights and more. When Princess Darla sits at her MagicChat tea set table with a friend (additional characters sold separately), they will interact by chatting and singing with each other. The palace also has a clock with a movable hand and three light-up buttons that introduce words, colors, letters and numbers and play magical melodies and singalong songs. Toddlers can create a whole kingdom featuring princesses, princes, fairies, magical creatures and more with Go! Go! Smart Friends characters and playsets (sold separately). (MSRP: \$59.99)

Go! Go! Smart Friends® Twinkle the Magical Unicorn™: Soar through the kingdom with Twinkle the Magical Unicorn from the Go! Go! Smart Friends world. Press the enchanting unicorn's button and she will walk forward, move her head and flap her wings. Place the included MagicPoint character, Princess Prisma, on one of Twinkle's two MagicPoint locations to trigger delightful responses, sounds, motion and lights. Twinkle also interacts with her carrot accessory. Toddlers can create a whole kingdom featuring princesses, princes, fairies, magical creatures and more with Go! Go! Smart Friends characters and playsets (sold separately). (MSRP: \$29.99)

Go! Go! Smart Animals® Happy Paws Playland™: Play and explore with the Go! Go! Smart Animals Happy Paws Playland. This exciting playland for pets has three light-up buttons at the top of the elevator that introduce time concepts and play sing-along songs, melodies and fun phrases. Put the adorable SmartPoint cat in the elevator and move it up and down to trigger playful responses on each floor. Then, hop on one of the two slides to travel back to the first floor. Place the carefree cat on the eight SmartPoint locations for more songs, melodies, sounds and phrases. The playland also includes a turning telescope, swinging hammock, a secret trap door and more that help build fine motor skills. Collect other SmartPoint animals, and connect to other Go! Go! Smart Wheels and Go! Go! Smart Animals playsets with tracks (sold separately) to encourage children's creativity. (MSRP: \$44.99)

Go! Go! Smart Animals® Roll & Spin Pet Train™: All aboard the Go! Go! Smart Animals Roll & Spin Pet Train! Watch the hamster wheel spin and the crocodile teeter-totter move up and down as little ones push the train along. Toddlers will develop motor skills with this activity-packed train as they rotate the smiley face, press the smoke stack, open and close the conductor window and more. Place the included SmartPoint hamster on one of the three SmartPoint locations to hear different phrases, music or fun sound effects, or press his light-up button to hear cheerful songs and learn the letter "H." (MSRP: \$34.99)

The Go! Go! Smart lines are available online now and at major retailers nationwide in August. For more information and retail availability, visit www.vtechkids.com.

## About VTech®

VTech® is a world leader in age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning products for children. As a pioneer in the learning toy category, VTech develops high-quality, innovative educational products that enrich children's development and make learning fun. With a rich, almost 40 year history, VTech has not only established itself as a learning authority but also consistently remains at the forefront of innovation with multiple award-winning products. The company also has a broad range of award-winning infant and preschool products available in 24 different languages worldwide, with more than 100 new products introduced every year. VTech was awarded a prestigious 2015 Toy of The Year (TOTY) Award for its Go! Go! Smart Animals® Zoo Explorers Playset™. In order to further strengthen VTech's position as a learning authority, the company's Expert Panel, with esteemed experts in reading, language arts, science, math, and child development, consult on new product introductions.

VTech Electronics North America, LLC is based in Arlington Heights, Illinois. VTech Electronics Limited is headquartered in Hong Kong with distribution globally.

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