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Oscar’s parents finally give permission for Oscar to have a pet. He is so excited! But when it comes time to choosing the type of pet Oscar wants, he’s at a complete loss. There are too many good options. Oscar decides to leave the decision to the animals and places an ad in the paper. Soon, too many animals show interest, and Oscar’s house turns into complete chaos. In the end, when Oscar’s family has had enough and all the meerkats, monkeys, and whales have to leave, Oscar finds his pet: a dog named Rufus.

An entertaining tale for children who enjoy animals, What Do You Do if Your House is a Zoo could very well have a high popularity among primary-aged students. As one thing leads to another and Oscar’s seemingly grand idea spirals out of control, Oscar learns a couple important lessons. When your parents say you can have a pet, it’s important to consider what exactly they mean by said pet. Also, if things get out of control, parents can help reign in the chaos. The variety of animals shown in the book is impressive, and each animal has a funny spin on it as audiences consider what it would mean to have such a pet.

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