



### **Yamster's Birthday**

Hi everyone! It's Yamster the Hamster and I have another exciting sweet potato story for you! Last month was my birthday and mom and dad had an awesome birthday party for me. We got to ice and decorate our own sweet potato cupcakes and I got to help dad make sweet potato chips as party favors for all my pals! It was such a blast!

The day before my big birthday party, mom and I started working in the kitchen. I decided that instead of having a huge birthday cake, I wanted sweet potato cupcakes that we could each decorate on our own. And even more exciting, mom let me help her mix up the cupcakes!

First, we measured out all of the dry ingredients and put them into the bowl. Next, mom opened two cans of sweet potatoes and helped me measure two cups. We added them into the big bowl along with the eggs and stirred it until everything was mixed together. Then, we poured the batter into little cups and put them into the oven. Those cupcakes smelled so yummy while they were baking!

While the cupcakes were baking, dad and I started to make the sweet potato chips for the party favors. I helped him pick out and wash the perfect fresh sweet potatoes and then dad cut them up into pieces and cooked them. He let me sprinkle salt on them and even let me snack on some of them! They were the yummiest chips in the whole wide world!

The next day, all of my best pals arrived at my house for my birthday party. Mom gave us each a sweet potato cupcake and we decorated them all by ourselves. My cupcake had white icing and blueberries on top! Everyone thought they were yummy, especially me. Soon, it was time for everyone to go home. Dad let me pass out the party favor bags of sweet potato chips and most of my pals were already eating them before they left our house! It was the best birthday party I have ever had.

Well pals, all this story telling has made my tummy growl. It's just about time for my snack and I am so happy that we have some leftover sweet potato chips! I hope you will come back and read about another one of my adventures. And as always, remember to live the Yamster way: Eat your sweet potatoes and have a yam-tastic day!