

A Simple Guide to Discouraging Chewing Behavior Problems



Train your pup early on to prevent common behavior problems and you'll both enjoy a lifetime of rewards. Simply decide how you want your pup to behave as an adult dog and teach him/her to behave that way **now**. Obedience, when taught with kindness and affection, frequently increases your pet's confidence. Once this is established, you are on your way to building a long-lasting relationship with your pet!

Chew-Toy Training

Chewing is a common behavior problem for puppy owners. Puppies have a normal and natural tendency to chew everything in sight. To help focus *normal* puppy chewing on appropriate objects, play with your pet using

his/her toys. Let your pup have only three to four chew toys at any given time. If your pup is a problem chewer, avoid any "tug-of-war" games as this will tend to make him/her more orally fixated. Make sure that one or two of your pup's favorite toys are always in the pen during the day. This will help direct your pup's attention on these objects and not on your furniture or shoes.

Tips:

- Stuff hollow white sterilized bones with peanut butter, cheese or a little meat. Two of these a day will keep your pup occupied for hours!
- Rotate out three or four new toys every three weeks or so – a new smell and feel will keep your pup interested in chewing on appropriate objects.
- When your pup bites you, **don't grab his/her mouth or shout**. Instead, stop playing. Your pup will learn the fun ends when he/she nips. After a few minutes you can initiate play. Repeat this process if your pup nips again.
- Chew toys also help to discourage a pup's incessant barking by keeping him/her occupied.
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