



Woofpack Dog Training
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Chewing

Chewing is a naturally rewarding behavior for dogs. They aren't able to look at an object and tell on their own whether it's theirs or even whether it's safe to chew. To a dog, if they found it, it's theirs. You can help them understand what's available to them and provide them with safe options.

Supervise or Crate

Supervise or crate your puppy. This way you know they are safe and you can prevent them from chewing objects like your television remote or table leg!

Remove Items from Reachable Areas

If your dog has an inappropriate item that they like to chew, like a coaster, remove access by taking it away or storing it in a different location.

Give Appropriate Things to Chew

Provide your dog with toys, chews, or other activities that are safe for them and won't crack their teeth.

TIP: A general rule of thumb is that your toys should not be so hard that you can't indent them with your thumb nail.

Encourage Good Behavior

Chewing is a natural behavior for dogs and is very rewarding! When your dog makes the decision to chew appropriate items, reward them with a treat or praise.

Rotate Toys to Keep them Interesting

Similar to a toddler, you can rotate your dog's toys once per week to help keep them interested.

*Always supervise chewing. If your pup is trying to eat pieces of toys, the toys should be removed and swapped for an edible chew or something that your dog can't swallow.