

All Puppy Bulletin

Subject: Chew Toys & Interactive Toys

Chew Toys

- All toys should be inspected frequently to ensure they are safe
- A toy should be discarded if it is chipped, cracked, or worn down to a size that can be swallowed
- Medium size toys, appropriate for a young puppy, should be replaced with large size toys as the puppy grows
- All toys should be designed for at least an average chewer
- Rawhides, pigs ears and cow hooves have large amounts of sodium causing puppies to drink excessively These toys are unhealthy and make housetraining more difficult for a very young puppy
- Placing a Kong in the freezer with soaked food is a popular treat

Approved Chew Toys	Inappropriate Chew Toys
Sterilized Natural Bones	Plush, fleece or soft toys
Durable Nylabone Products: Wishbone, Galileo, Knots, Big Chews	Toys with small parts that can be easily chewed and swallowed i.e. toys with squeakers
Kong Products - Red or Black for adults, Stuff-a-Ball	Edible Nylabones, Rawhides, Pig Ears, Cow Hooves, Bully Sticks, Greenies, Meat Bones, plastic bottles

Interactive "Reward" Toys

- Special toys used as a reward for excellent behavior
- Playtime should be short and closely supervised
- Used for teaching your puppy how to play retrieve or tug
- These toys include tennis ball, frisbee, wubba and knotted rope bone
- A puppy left alone can easily destroy these toys, causing intestinal problems, choking and dental issues