

Recommended Chew Toys and Enrichment Toys

Providing your dog or puppy with appropriate toys to chew on and play with is an excellent way to offer both physical and mental stimulation. Proper physical and mental stimulation can help prevent your dog from engaging in unwanted behaviors, such as destructive chewing and demand/nuisance barking, and can also help with separation anxiety.

While these toys are wonderful tools to help enrich your dog's life, they are not a substitute for regular physical activity. Walks, playing fetch, swimming, running at off-leash parks, and agility classes are all excellent to keep your dog physically and mentally fit.

Chew Toys

NO real bones, antlers, or hooves. These are TOO hard and can FRACTURE teeth! Always monitor your dog's chewing. Beware that some dogs may try to swallow large pieces of rawhide/chews which could cause a gastrointestinal obstruction. Take away any chews that become too small, as they may pose a choking hazard.

1. CET chews
2. Bully sticks
3. Compressed rawhides
4. Greenies, Whimzees, or Cloudstar dental bones
5. Puppy or edible Nylabones
6. Kong, Starmark, WestPaw, Petstages, ChuckIt, and JW are brands that make good, sturdy rubber chew toys that are not easily destroyed.

Enrichment Toys

Feeding your dog's kibble in an enrichment toy is an easy way to provide mental stimulation for your dog, while also keeping them busy (and out of trouble!). When you have to leave the house or you need to put your dog in their crate, give them a rubber Kong filled with either canned dog food (can be frozen to make it last longer) or treats. This helps to distract them from the fact that they are alone and can help with separation anxiety.

1. Kong Wobbler and Classic Rubber Kong
2. JW Rockin' Treat Ball and Holee Rolller
3. Starmark Bob-a-Lot
4. Buster Cube
5. Busy Buddy Kibble Nibble and Twist & Treat