

Pet Tip of the Week

Puppy Proofing Your Home: by Darr Houssen

Soft clothing articles like sneakers, leather shoes or socks simulate soft animal like objects that are irresistible to your puppy. To a puppy, these are play items for his or her enjoyment, so prepare your family members to keep things out of the puppy's reach. For example, make use of a laundry basket, place footwear safely behind closet doors or hang towels so that they are just out of puppy's reach. As the pup gets older and starts bonding to you, these items begin to replace your presence when you're not home.

Repositioning such items as sewing needles, cleaners, soap, candy, yarn, paint, modeling clay, pens, pencils, thumb tacks or crayons (the list goes on and on) is the surest way to keep the puppy safe. Think of him as a human toddler, very busy and curious creatures, investigating, touching and tasting everything.

Puppies simply enjoy chewing and it doesn't matter if the item is an old running shoe or your very best dress shoe. It's also nature's way of reducing painful baby teeth and then the arrival of adult teeth a few months later. They can also chew to relieve stored up energy stresses or just from simple boredom.



Acceptance of these facts is a very big step in understanding your puppy. Let's face facts, you probably can't watch your puppy 100 % of the time if you're like most people, therefore, the safety precautions make perfect sense and are a NATURAL way of resolving the problem.

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