

How To Stop Your Dog From Chewing

Destructive dog chewing is a common problem to most dog owners. It can be frustrating. Their ruining your wood furniture, your new shoes and everything in your house.

There are reasons why your dog or new puppy is doing this destructive chewing behavior: attention, boredom, and teething. So how do we handle this? Before getting to the root of the problem we have to make sure the dog is healthy. There is a condition in dogs that is called Pica and it causes your dog to eat non-food items in attempt to deal with neausea. First things first, take your dog to the veterinarian. Once he gives your dog a clean bill of health then we can take it to the next step.

It is normal for your new puppy to chew, due to teething or just exploring his surroundings. To stop this behavior exercise him more. Exercising your dog in improtant part of being a dog owner. If they get enough exercise it will cut down on boredom and anxiety. The proper exercise is to take your dog for a walk for at least 30 minutes a day. Take him in the back yard and throw a ball around with him.

Give your dog more chew toys. A Kong Toy or a hollow bone, put a little peanut butter in the middle and your dog may spend hours trying to get the peanut butter out. Bones in general and rope toys are other excellent outlets for your dog to chew on. To keep your dog interested in his toys give him a different toy to play with on different days.

Consider applying bittertasting coatings to his favorite chewable surfaces. The taste and smell of these substances repel some (not all dogs) from chewing. Bitter Apple Sprays, White Vinegar and Rubbing Alcohol are just to name a few. You can purchase these items at any grocery store or your local pet store.

Training is the most vital of them all. You must teach them No and Drop then exchange it with a toy he can chew on. Crate training your dog or new puppy is the best way of keeping him contained while you are out. Do not use the crate as punishment because he will then associate the crate as punishment and it will become difficult to keep him in the crate. It should be your dogs safe haven.

It will take time and patience. Find out what works for you and your dog and stick with it.

Remember a good dog is a happy and healthy dog.

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