

Chewing

Chewing is one of the great pleasures of life for many dogs. A nice, raw knucklebone or a good, hard chew toy can be the canine version of curling up with a good book. But if your dog doesn't limit his pleasures to things he's supposed to chew, he can cause a lot of damage and even hurt himself.

Puppies begin to lose their *deciduous* (baby) teeth and get their permanent teeth when they are four or five months old. During this time, your puppy's mouth will be sore and he'll probably want to chew anything and everything to relieve the discomfort. Here are a few things you can do help him—and you and your things—get through teething:

1. Give your puppy/dog Kongs stuffed with great treats and top with peanut butter or cream cheese. Freeze the stuffed Kong and give to your puppy/dog.
2. Red Barn sterilized bones. These can be stuffed with a small amount of peanut butter in the center of the bone.
3. Give him raw carrots.
4. Bully sticks are great chews for puppy/dog.
5. When you can't watch him, confine him.
6. Anything the puppy/dog should not chew on needs to be put up.

Prevention is by far the best way to deal with chewing. Crate-train your dog, and confine him to his crate when you can't watch him. Give him a chew toy or bone to play with in the crate. Puppies can stay in crates one hour per month of age plus one hour up to four hours at a time. If you have to be gone longer than that on a regular basis, arrange to have someone come in during the day to let him out for a while.

Puppies need to be supervised at all times. If he gets something he/she should not have do a trade with him/her with something he can have.

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<https://www.labradortraininghq.com/reviews/best-puppy-chew-toys-for-teething/>