

Puppy Love

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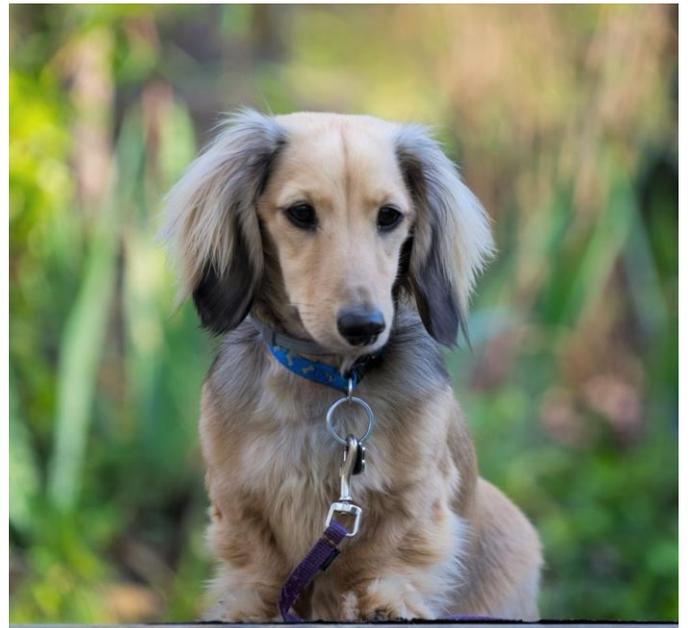
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It's a Chewy Life

Chewing is a perfectly normal behavior for dogs of all ages, it keeps their jaws strong and their teeth clean. Dogs love to chew on bones, sticks and just about anything else they can find. They chew for fun, they chew for stimulation, and they chew to relieve anxiety. It is important that you support this enjoyable activity with safety being your major priority as you select items to add to your little doxie's toy box. If you get this right, you might prevent your dog from a painful experience or even a tragic accidental death.



Pippin is home in South Carolina where his marvelous dad takes him on adventurous bike rides around town.



The Wrong Stuff

Chewing on the "wrong stuff" can cause tooth fracture, puncture wounds, digestive obstruction and are a choking hazard. All of these medical issues can be very painful or life threatening to your dog. Your dog might actually need surgery to correct "things gone wrong". Here is what you need to know.

*Bones *Hard Cheese Blocks *Hooves *Antlers

There is no nutritional benefit in these favored "natural" treats. Raw is not good. Bones can splinter and puncture internal organs, get lodged in the throat or somewhere in the digestive system. Surgery may be a necessity.

*Nylabones *Nyla Chew Toys *Ice Cubes

These popular "treats" for dogs can break teeth causing a lot of pain, pieces can get lodged internally. Surgery again.

*Personal Items

Dogs love things that smell like you so be mindful of not leaving personal items within their reach. They can swallow these items, or a piece of it as they lovingly chew on what reminds them of you. Surgery again.

Safety First

*Give new toys the thumb test; if it doesn't give a little it is too hard.

*The FDA has publicly issued many warnings to **not** give dogs bones, any bones.

