



## Puppy chewing

Puppy chewing is normal. Puppies explore the world with the mouths and so will naturally chew on anything new they find to try and find out more about its texture, taste - and edibility! Puppies will also chew when they are teething, bored or frustrated. Chewing can be managed as follows: -



- Provide lots of suitable toys for puppy to chew
- Rotate these toys to keep them interesting
- Carry or sleep with your puppy's soft toys to impregnate them with your scent
- Smear hard toys with cream cheese, Bovril or other strong tasting or smelling foods
- Play games with suitable chew toys such as ragers
- If puppy starts to chew on an item you don't want him to touch distract puppy with something more suitable and desirable. If he isn't interested play with the toy on your own or with someone else to make it more interesting
- If at all possible don't forcibly remove things from your puppy. Trade for treats.
- Never give puppy toys he may confuse with things you don't want him to chew on e.g. old slippers
- Never punish puppy for chewing an inappropriate item
- If puppy is to be left alone secure him to an area where he can't do any damage.