



PUPPY PROOFING YOUR HOME

Puppies learn, like babies, by putting everything in their mouth. Remember-.If it is dangerous for a child, it is just as dangerous for your puppy. Some suggestions to make sure your home is safe for your puppy:

- Make sure all poisonous items are stored out of the puppy's reach. household cleaners, laundry detergents, bleach , insecticides mothballs, antifreeze, roach, ant and rat poisons- all of these can be fatal to a puppy.
- Check to see if your plants are toxic to your puppy. Some common household plants are poisonous to pets. Some of these are listed at <http://dogpatch.org/plants.html> or your vet might be able to provide you with a complete list.
- An exercise pen or baby's door gate will provide a way to confine the puppy in a small area, when you do not want him underfoot or are unable to watch him carefully.
- Breakables up out of reach.
- All wiring and cords put out of reach behind furniture, or encased in hard plastic flexible tubing (available at hardware stores, can be cut to size) A puppy who chews on an electric cord may receive a shock severe enough to kill her.
- Anything small enough to be swallowed (pennies, bounce balls, shoelaces, bits of paper, socks, nuts, bolts, wire) should be removed from the floor.
- Block access behind furniture wherever possible.
- Put children's toys and stuffed animals away. Some of these contain parts that can be chewed off and cause a choking hazard.