



Toys

- A general rule of thumb for selecting toys: They should be large enough such that your puppy cannot swallow them, and soft enough that you can dent them with your thumbnail.
- RVS staff picks: Starmark puzzle toys, Nylabone puppy teething toys, Kong puppy
- Rawhides: These can be great teeth-cleaning chews for dogs! However, there can be safety concerns depending on your dog's size and chewing style. Puppies should be more than 1 year old before receiving rawhides. The first time you give your dog a rawhide, he should be closely supervised the entire time he is chewing on it. This allows you to determine whether your dog slowly chews off small bits of rawhide, or if he swallows large chunks whole. If the latter is the case, your dog **SHOULD NOT** receive rawhides, as he is at a risk for obstructive foreign body.
- Rope toys: **JUST SAY NO!** These toys present a risk for foreign bodies, which can be deadly and require surgery to correct.