EXPLORING ITEMS

Safe everyday items for your puppy to mouth and explore – but aren't traditional 'dog toys'.

Create an environment that gives your puppy the freedom to explore without constantly hearing "leave it". By setting up safe, appropriate items, you are making the right kind of exploration available rather than relying on correction. This gives your puppy the opportunity to test things out with their mouth, learn for themselves what is edible and what is not, and practise engaging, playing, exploring and then have enough and disengage from them.



Toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls



Wrapping-paper tubes



Box of tissues



Towels or tea towels



Plastic bottles, milk bottles and fruit tubs
(clean, empty and label removed)



Old magazines or paperback books



Denim or fabric scraps (tied into knots)



Pieces of hose pipe (cut into long chunks)



Paper coffee cups (rinsed and dried)



Delivery boxes and packaging



Egg cartons and cardboard drink carriers



Empty cereal boxes



Silicone muffin trays or ice-cube trays



Soft plastic food containers (without clips)



Silicone spatulas or kitchen utensils



Colanders or sieves



Dustpan and hand broom



Foam or soft dusters (e.g. microfiber)



Rubber mats (e.g. bath mat or boot mat)



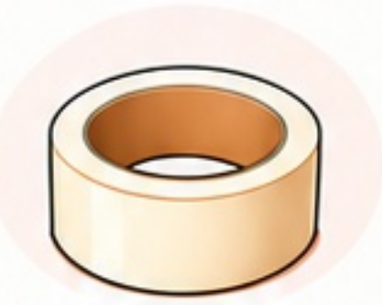
Rubber items (e.g. rubber ring or tubing)



Plastic plant pots (clean and empty)



Iceberg lettuce or cabbage to shred



Masking tape rolls (empty)



Foam roller sleeves (unused)



A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Always supervise.
- Choose items that are large enough not to swallow.
- Remove the item if your puppy starts to break pieces off.
- Make sure items are clean and free from sharp edges.
- Avoid anything with batteries, cords, staples, chemicals or small detachable parts.
- This is for mouthing and exploring, not consuming the item.