

Appropriate toys

Occasionally pups who have gone on to guide work have a difficult time distinguishing between what is a dog toy, a child's toy or someone's favorite fluffy slipper. To address this concern, the kennels at the Canine Development Center are eliminating soft toys from the puppies' "reference library". Please eliminate plush toys and any other items that resemble children's toys from your pup's toy box. If you have any questions about a toy's appropriateness, please speak with your Regional Manager.

Here is a list of suggested toys that will prepare for an easier transition for our guide dog users. We know you want your puppies to be successful and greatly appreciate your help in making this transition.

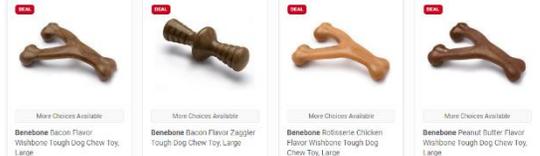
All toys should be larger than an adult-sized fist—wider diameter than 3inches or bigger.

All toys must be regularly monitored and checked for damage or excessive wear and tear. Please monitor the pup's chewing style and intensity since age/stress level/type of toy will all affect this.

Do not buy any toys specifically for puppies—our puppies grow too quickly, and the toys will quickly become inappropriately sized.

Please note in the puppy kit you will receive some toys -- these toys will vary in size and brand. If you receive a smaller toy in your kit (e.g. for puppies or Kongs of different colors) -- these are for puppies under 4 months old. They will need to be removed once the puppy is older than 4 months (or younger depending on the puppy's size and chewing style).

Unsupervised toys – toys approved to be in the crate when not actively supervised

Brand	Type	Picture	Link
Nylabone	-DuraChew texture -Large/ Giant size -50+ lb dog	 <p>Nylabone Monster Bon... amazon.com</p> <p>Power Chew NonTextured F... nylabone.com</p> <p>rkey Leg Power Chew Extra D... labone.com</p> <p>NYLABONE Galileo Do... chewy.com</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/durachew-7157?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=nylabone%20durachew
Benebone	-Large or Giant -Any shape	 <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Bacon Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Bacon Flavor Ziggler Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Rotisserie Chicken Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Peanut Butter Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/benebone-6513?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=benebone
Kong	-Black -Original shape -Large or XL (-Red okay while supervised)	 <p>Click to open expanded view</p>	https://www.chewy.com/kong-extreme-dog-toy/dp/38492
Goughnuts	-Any color -Large or XL -Sticks or rings while alone (-Balls and Kup okay supervised)		https://www.goughnuts.com/rings-1

Supervision toys- toys approved for out of the crate but with a person in the same room

Brand	Type	Picture	Link
Tuffie Toy	-Large breed	<p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Tuffie's Ultimate Tug O' War Squishy Plush Dog Toy Red Shark</p> <p>Tuffie's Ocean Creatures Hammerhead Squishy Plush Dog Toy</p> <p>Tuffie's Junior Ring Squishy Plush Dog Toy Pink Leopard</p> <p>Tuffie's Junior Gear Ring Squishy Plush Dog Toy Pink Leopard</p>	https://www.chewy.com/s?query=tuffie%20toy%20&nav-submit-button=
Planet Dog	-Must be larger than 2.5 inches	<p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff Raspberry Tread Dispensing Dog Chew Toy</p> <p>Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff Ball Tough Dog Chew Toy Blue/Green/Yellow</p> <p>Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff LE Stoop Tread Dispensing Tough Dog Chew Toy Purple</p> <p>Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff Sport Football Tough Dog Chew Toy</p>	https://www.chewy.com/s?query=planet%20dog&nav-submit-button=
Sterilized Bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not filled (ideally) -Large -Beef femur bones -Monitor your puppy until you know how strong the bone/puppy is -Not for strong chewers, these can cause tooth fractures 		https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000H HU8QC/ref=cm_sw_r_oth_api_glt_fa bc_DBMV5646JZZ39HPAJF8C
Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Red -Large or XL -Other shapes 	<p>DEAL</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>KONG Classic Dog Toy, Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/kong-classic-dog-toy/dp/38485
West Paw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Large size -No plush toys 	<p>More Choices Available</p> <p>West Paw zipoflex Large Tux 10oz Tread Dispensing Dog Chew Toy Apple Blue</p> <p>West Paw zipoflex Barn Dog Toy Grassy Acres Large</p> <p>West Paw zipoflex Harley Tough Dog Chew Toy Tamarine Large</p> <p>West Paw zipoflex Barn Dog Toy Haze Blue Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/west-paw-7741

Engagement Toys- These are toys that you need to be actively playing with the pup, do not allow them to settle down to chew them.

<p>Chuck it!</p>	<p>-Medium or Large -Squirrel or Kick Fetch Ball okay too</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/brands/chuckit-6621?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=chuck%20it</p>
<p>Jolly Balls</p>	<p>-Come in a lot of sizes!</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/s?query=jolly%20ball&nav-submit-button=</p>
<p>Rope Toys</p>	<p>-No frayed ends -Large size -Watch that the pup doesn't start to pick at or chew on these</p>		
<p>Tennis Balls</p>	<p>-Regular size (3") -Will wear down teeth -Easily destroyed</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/tourna-pressureless-tennis-balls-dog/dp/167106</p>
<p>Fleece Braided Toys</p>	<p>-Generally handmade -There are raisers in some regions who make these -You can look up "How To's" online</p>		<p>-Let your RC know if you would like some and they will most likely know -You can also purchase them on Etsy</p>

NOT ALLOWED

-To chew on- Hooves, raw or cooked bones, Bully Sticks, rawhide products, Greenies, cotton or fiber-filled stuffed toys, and tennis balls; when ingested these can cause diarrhea, choking hazards or become lodged inside the dog requiring surgery.

- Do not feed digestible products such as rawhide chews, greenies, edible Nylabones; these can cause diarrhea and are a choking hazard.