



Puppyhood Hazards

Congratulations on your newest addition to your family! Having a new puppy in the home is much like introducing a new baby- here are some tips on puppy-proofing against household hazards and creating a safe environment for your little one!

Think about the items in the house that you should keep out of your puppy's reach - Securely close doors, cabinets, to keep these objects safely hidden away -

- Towels, washrags, fabric softener sheets, plastic bags, sponges, dental floss, pantyhose, mothballs, gel packs in shoes, all medications, cleaning liquids, foil and food wrappers, coins, batteries, electrical cords, hair clips, rubber bands, jewelry, shoelaces, pens and pencils, too small toys and balls, toiletries, pins and needles, thread, decorations, Christmas ornaments and tinsel, bows and ribbon, potpourri, craft and art supplies, houseplants, chocolate, alcohol, etc.

Also consider those items that are part of your home -

- Floor furnaces, portable heaters, vents, fireplaces, water under holiday trees, power strips and outlets, railings, decks, and balconies...

Think about the dangers in the garage or the yard - never leave an animal in the garage or yard unattended!

- Antifreeze, swimming pool products, fertilizers, snail bait and pesticides, compost, cocoa shell mulch, power and manual tools, mushrooms and toadstools, foxtails, spiders, ticks, mosquitoes, bees, snakes, toads, azaleas, holly, oleander, lilies and pine needles, etc.

In General -

- Remember to read product labels- many floor cleaning products are harmful to your puppy and may cause reactions. Many animal products are not approved for use on younger pets - follow the label directions.
- Close appliance doors that could trap the puppy (dish washers and close dryers).
- Keep wastepaper baskets out of reach and toilet lids down. Better yet, keep bathroom doors closed so that the puppy does not slip down a tub edge or accidentally turn on a faucet and burn itself, or worse, drown!
- Keep the pet off a newly fertilized lawn. Block access to pools to prevent drowning.
- Never crate your puppy if it is wearing a collar that could get caught and cause choking - but always remember to replace the collar and identification in case he would get lost outside of the home.
- If you have a doggie door, do not allow the puppy outside unsupervised.
- Never leave children and pets alone unsupervised.

**If you suspect that your puppy has ingested poison or is seriously injured:
Contact Mohnacky Animal Hospitals, Inc. Immediately!**

Carlsbad: (760) 729-3330 Escondido: (760) 480-1934 Vista: (760) 758-8004

Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435