

All Things Chew

Chewing is a natural behavior and should be encouraged, it helps maintain healthy gums and teeth. Any chews that have a pocket or a hole in them can be stuffed with wet food and frozen for longer enrichment. Never leave your dog unsupervised with a chew, especially when it's their first time trying a chew out. But what chew is the best to keep your dog's teeth out of your shoes and throw pillow?



Edible Chew:

Pig/cow/buffalo ears Goat/rabbit/lamb dried trachea, bull tails, tendons, scalp strips, tripe sticks, paddywhack (nuchal ligament) beef lungs, Pizzle (Bully sticks) Udder sticks, collagen sticks, Antlers, camel skin, chicken feet, coffee wood, Himalayan yak bars (soak for 10 min for puppies), and hooves!

Note: There is a chance of the long-lasting chew causing a blockage if a large chunk is swallowed. A poll asked 50 vets and vet nurses how often they encounter blockage due to lasting chews. Most of them said it was quite rare and several had not had a single case in 20 years. As with Anything we need to consider the hygiene that needs to be maintained when providing meat-based chew to our dogs. You can find the links to all these Chews on my website below.



NON-Edible Chew:

NylaBone is an alternative to food-based chew but is far less appetizing, considering they are non-edible. These are designed for your dog to gnaw away slowly. It is possible for large pieces can break off and, in this case, throw it away and buy a new one. I have only ever seen specks break off *smaller than a grain of rice*. The Nylabone needs to be big enough so that your dog can't fit the whole thing in their mouth to prevent the chance of swallowing it. Rope Toys and Kong Balls are also great options, however, be on the lookout for any pieces your dog could swallow and throw it away.



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