

No Bite!



Management:

Puppy-proof your home and keep wires and cords out of reach or covered, or better yet go wireless. Remove access to valuable items, and design a dog zone sanctuary, that is, a Doggie Enrichment Land using a playpen, exercise pen, or baby-gated area for your dog so you can run errands and sleep. Provide a doggy toy box and rotate 3 or 4 different favorite chew items every other day. If your supervised dog gets off track, redirect your dog to a chew/ toy box. Reinforce your dog with praise for playing with those chew toys. Use a bitter non-toxic taste aversive gel for items that cannot be protected from chewing such as staircases or chairs.

Teach “Kiss Kiss”

1. Place a high-value treat in your fisted hand.
2. Offer your hand. When your dog licks your fist, open your fist instantly so your dog can eat the treat/reward from the palm of your hand. If your dog keeps biting your hand you can add bitter spray to your hand.
3. Once well-learned, get additional licks before releasing the treat.
4. Say the words “Kiss Kiss” or “Easy” as your dog licks your fist.
5. Cue the newly learned alternate licking behavior if and when your dog becomes mouthy.

Note: Do this every time you give your dog a treat to generalize this cue.



Decrease Arousal:

Decrease the intensity of your play. Decrease the duration of your play, puppies and dogs get tired and sloppy when arousal ramps up. You take a time-out for 3 minutes or until your dog has calmed down. This is not to punish but a cooling-out break to decrease arousal. Start calm play as if nothing happened or give your puppy a nap break. Redirect the biting behavior using chew toys, and positively reinforce your dogs for chewing on appropriate items. **DO NOT** angrily say “no” or “yelp” this will excite your dog further or frighten your dog.



Chewing:

This species-specific, stress-relieving natural canine activity often soothes teething pain. Chewing is a great outlet for pent-up energy, cleans teeth, and lucky for you helps redirect and distract your dog away from engaging in unwanted behaviors.

What to Chew: (see “all thing chew” handout)

Provide interactive chew toys stuffed with high-value foods. Try kibble soaked in beef broth. You may want to feed one-half of your dog's daily calories in chew toys or interactive food toys until your dog is chew toy trained. Long-lasting chewable include bully sticks and recreational bones that are not consumed, such as marrow bones, and knuckle bones. Go “wild” with caviar buffalo jerky, duck, and air-dried dork strips. Choose made-in-the-USA labels for high-quality control standards. DIY Snuffle mats or Toppo toys are great grazing items.

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