

PUPPY-PROOFING CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure you have everything safely set up so your new pup can feel right at home as soon as they walk in the door.

Family room and den

- Block stairs and balconies with a gate
- Wrap exposed wires and cords with cord covers, and put wires and cords away whenever they are not in use
- Keep sharp and fragile items off tables and out of reach
- Consider bitter spray for items likely to be chewed
- Keep all plants off the ground and out of reach

Bedroom

- Put all small or sharp objects, such as jewelry, out of reach
- Keep laundry off the floor and place it in a hamper or other location your pup can't access
- Wrap exposed wires and cords in cord covers

Bathroom

- Stow medications, dietary supplements and antibiotics in a hard-to-access medicine cabinet or drawer with a childproof lock
- Store cleaning supplies in an inaccessible, locked cabinet
- Keep trash in a locked cabinet or in a childproof trash can
- Add child safety locks to toilet lids and keep the bowl and tank free of disinfectants

Kitchen

- Make sure these items are out of reach:
 - People food
 - Vitamins, supplements and medications
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Trash
 - Sharp knives and kitchen utensils
 - Fragile items, such as plates and bakeware

Outdoor areas

- Provide both sunny and shady spots in their play area
- Keep your yard free of hazardous plants, like lilies and tomato vines, and only use pet-safe pesticides according to directions
- Ensure fencing is complete and free of damage
- Use a pet door that is the right size, secured properly and connected to a safe, fenced-off area

