

PUPPY-PROOFING CHECKLIST

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COMMON AREAS *(family rooms and dens)*

- ☐ Block stairs and balconies with a gate
- ☐ Wrap exposed wires and cords with cord covers
- ☐ Put away wires and cords 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

KITCHEN

Keep counters clear of food spills and crumbs. Keep the following items in high, out-of-reach cupboards, the refrigerator or behind cabinets with childproof locks:

- ☐ People food
- ☐ Vitamins, supplements and medications
- ☐ Cleaning supplies
- ☐ Sharp knives and kitchen utensils
- ☐ Fragile items, such as plates and bakeware
- ☐ Trash

BATHROOMS

- ☐ 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

BEDROOMS

- ☐ Put all small or sharp objects, such as jewelry, in places your puppy can't reach
- ☐ Wrap exposed cords or wires in cord covers

OUTDOOR AREAS

- ☐ Use an appropriate pet door
- ☐ Clear your yard of hazardous plants, shrubbery and toxic pesticides
- ☐ Keep play areas and doghouses in a pesticide-free spot that is shaded on warm days and has access to sun on cold days
- ☐ Ensure fencing is complete and free of damage
- ☐ Watch for signs of digging

