

Appropriate toys

Occasionally pups who have gone on to guide work have a difficult time distinguishing between what is a dog toy, a child's toy, or someone's favorite fluffy slipper. To address this concern, we ask that you eliminate any plush toys not listed below and other items that resemble children's toys from the pup's toy box. **If you have any questions about a toy's appropriateness, please speak with your Regional Puppy Instructor.**

Here is a list of suggested toys that prepare for an easier transition for guide dog users. We know you want our puppies to be successful and greatly appreciate your help in making this transition.

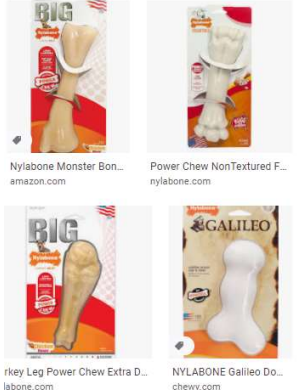
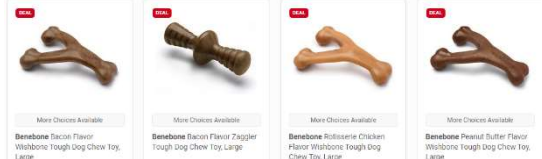


All toys should be larger than an adult-sized fist—wider diameter than 3 inches or bigger.

All toys must be regularly monitored and checked for damage or excessive wear and tear. Please monitor the pup's chewing style and intensity since age/stress level/type of toy will all affect this.

Do not buy any toys specifically for puppies—our puppies grow too quickly, and the toys will quickly become inappropriately sized.

Please note in the puppy kit you will receive some toys -- these toys will vary in size and brand. If you receive a smaller toy in your kit (e.g. for puppies or Kongs of different colors) -- these are for puppies under 4 months old. They will need to be removed once the puppy is older than 4 months (or younger depending on the puppy's size and chewing style).






Unsupervised toys – toys approved to be in the crate when not actively supervised

Brand	Type	Picture	Link
Nylabone	-DuraChew texture -Large/ Giant size -50+ lb dog	 <p>Nylabone Monster Bon... amazon.com</p> <p>Power Chew NonTextured F... nylabone.com</p> <p>rkey Leg Power Chew Extra D... labone.com</p> <p>NYLABONE Galileo Do... chewy.com</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/durachew-7157?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=nylabone%20durachew
Benebone	-Large or Giant -Any shape	 <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Raclet Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Bacon Flavor Zagger Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Rollserie Chicken Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p> <p>More Choices Available</p> <p>Benebone Peanut Butter Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/benebone-6513?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=benebone
Kong	-Black -Original shape -Large or XL (-Red okay while supervised)	 <p>Click to view expanded view</p>	https://www.chewy.com/kong-extreme-dog-toy/dp/38492
Goughnuts	-Any color -Large or XL -Sticks or rings while alone (-Balls and Kup okay supervised)		https://www.goughnuts.com/rings-1

Supervision toys- toys approved for out of the crate with a person in the same room

Brand	Type	Picture	Link
Tuffie Toy	-Large breed	 <p>More Choices Available Tuffie's Ultimate Tug O' War Squishy Plush Dog Toy Red Rings More Choices Available Tuffie's Ocean Creatures Hammerhead Squishy Plush Dog Toy More Choices Available Tuffie's Junior Ring Squishy Plush Dog Toy Pink Leopard More Choices Available Tuffie's Junior Color Ring Squishy Plush Dog Toy Pink Leopard</p>	https://www.chewy.com/s?query=tuffie%20toy%20&nav-submit-button=
Planet Dog	-Must be larger than 2.5 inches	 <p>More Choices Available Planet Dog Orbius Tuff Raspberry Treat Dispensing Dog Chew Toy More Choices Available Planet Dog Orbius Tuff Ball Tough Dog Chew Toy Black/Green/Yellow More Choices Available Planet Dog Orbius Tuff L1 Shoop Treat Dispensing Tough Dog Chew Toy Purple More Choices Available Planet Dog Orbius Tuff Sport Football Tough Ring Chew Toy</p>	https://www.chewy.com/s?query=planet%20dog&nav-submit-button=
Sterilized Bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not filled (ideally) -Large -Beef femur bones -Monitor your puppy until you know how strong the bone/puppy is -Not for strong chewers, these can cause tooth fractures 		https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000H HU8QC/ref=cm_sw_r_oth_api_glt_fac_bc_DBMV5646JZZ39HPAJF8C
Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Red or other colors if you don't have a strong chewer -Large or XL -Other shapes 	 <p>DEAL More Choices Available KONG Classic Dog Toy, Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/kong-classic-dog-toy/dp/38485
West Paw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Large size -No plush toys 	 <p>More Choices Available West Paw Zogoflex Large Tux Toy, Treat Dispensing Dog Chew Toy Apple Blue West Paw Zogoflex Bams Dog Toy, Grassy Green, Large West Paw Zogoflex Holey Tough Dog Chew Toy, Tangerine, Large West Paw Zogoflex Bams Dog Toy, Navy Blue, Large</p>	https://www.chewy.com/brands/west-paw-7741

Engagement Toys- These are toys that you need to be actively playing with the pup, do not allow them to settle down to chew them.

<p>Chuck it!</p>	<p>-Medium or Large -Squirrel or Kick Fetch Ball okay too</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/brands/chuckit-6621?nav-submit-button=&ref=searchRedirect&ref-query=chuck%20it</p>
<p>Jolly Balls</p>	<p>-Come in a lot of sizes!</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/s?query=jolly%20ball&nav-submit-button=</p>
<p>Rope Toys</p>	<p>-No frayed ends -Large size -Watch that the pup doesn't start to pick at or chew on these</p>		
<p>Tennis Balls</p>	<p>-Regular size (3") -Will wear down teeth, please monitor closely -Easily destroyed</p>		<p>https://www.chewy.com/tourna-pressureless-tennis-balls-dog/dp/167106</p>
<p>Fleece Braided Toys</p>	<p>-Generally handmade -There are raisers in some regions who make these -You can look up "How To's" online</p>		<p>-Let your RC know if you would like some and they will most likely know -You can also purchase them on Etsy</p>

NOT ALLOWED

- Chewing on**- Hooves, raw or cooked bones, cotton or fiber-filled stuffed toys, and tennis balls; when ingested these can cause diarrhea, choking hazards or become lodged inside the dog requiring surgery.
- Destroying toys**- avoid toys that the pup can easily destroy and take away any toys that they start to pull apart or consume.
- Do not feed digestible products such as rawhide chews, greenies, edible Nylabones; they can cause diarrhea and are a choking hazard.

LIMITED USE

- Lick mats or food puzzle toys. Your RPI may approve these types of toys based on the circumstances and use.
- [No-Hide chews](#). Your RPI may approve these based on the circumstances and use.