

CHEWING

The best approach to unwanted chewing is prevention

- Supervise in confined area or crate
- Help puppy establish a chewing preference for his/her toys
- We recommend Kong or Premier Products that can be stuffed or filled with some of puppy's kibbles or other irresistible food treat.
- Sterilized bones (toy) can have a little peanut butter stuffed just inside the holes and kept frozen until ready to use when puppy must be crated
- Stimulating toys will keep your puppy's brain, body, and mind occupied.

MOUTHING OR NIPPING

- When puppy mouth's you, as he surely will, remain calm, and stand still. Offer a favorite chew toy (rubbed with cheese or hot dog) instead of your body part, or get up and leave.
- Yelling or flailing your arms and legs is a signal to your puppy this is a game
- We do not advise "standard" techniques of holding the puppy's mouth shut, yelling, or hitting the pup under the chin. This often heightens the biting, and may cause aggression.

It is important to recognize that any attention, even negative attention, is a reward to your puppy. Chasing him when he grabs something, pushing him off when he jumps, yelling when he chews, are all forms of attention and are rewarding to your puppy.

