How to Puppy-Proof Your Home

It's important to puppy-proof any of the areas that you expect your puppy to be in! It will be easier on you to have them confined to a general area, like a play pen or a room or two, rather than free-roaming your entire home.

Remove valuables! If there's something that you would be devastated if they chewed on, peed on, or otherwise knocked over or destroyed, it should be moved to higher ground or to another space.

Protect wires from puppy teeth. Wires are a tantalizing chew toy for many puppies! Puppies should be supervised in any areas that have free access to wires if they cannot be put behind a barrier.

Remove choking hazards. Small objects can turn into choking hazards quickly (like Legos). Your puppy should have access to size-appropriate toys and chews.

Secure trash cans. You'll want to make sure your pup can't get into it. Many items that we dispose of can be toxic to our pets or cause blockages if consumed.

Relocate toxic houseplants. While some plants are not toxic to pets, the majority are. Even those that are not toxic will make tempting salad bars for puppies, so it is in everyone's interest to keep live plants out of your pup's reach!

Secure your outdoor area. It should be securely fenced (check for any and all escape routes) OR use an x-pen in the yard if you do not feel your yard is secure or the area is too big. Remove any hazards (sharp objects, tools, pesticides, etc.).

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