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PUPPY SAFETY · FOR NEW OWNERS

Keep it out of reach.

What puppies swallow, and what to do if they do.

1 Emergency if swallowed

Go to the vet now, even if your puppy seems fine

- Button batteries
- Batteries
- Magnets
- Needles & fishhooks
- Thread & string
- Yarn & ribbon

2 Can get stuck in the gut

Vomiting, belly pain or not eating: call your vet

- Socks & underwear
- Hair ties
- Corn cobs
- Fruit stones
- Coins
- Cooked bones
- Small balls
- Toy bricks
- Puzzle pieces
- Chewed-off toy pieces
- Chip & snack bags*
- Cords & chargers*

*Snack bags can suffocate a dog that pushes its head inside: cut them open flat before they go in the trash. Chewed cords can cause burns and electric shock.

3 Poisonous

Call your vet or an animal poison helpline right away

- Medicines
- Pill packs
- Xylitol gum & candy
- Chocolate
- Grapes & raisins
- Onions & garlic
- Rat & mouse bait

IF YOUR PUPPY SWALLOWED SOMETHING

Do
- Remove anything else it could reach; keep the packaging or pieces.
- Call your vet: what, when and how much.

Do not
- Pull on string or thread you can see.
- Try to make your puppy vomit.
- Feed a meal to “push it through.”

Go now if your puppy
- Struggles to breathe, paws at its mouth, or has blue gums or tongue
- Swallowed a battery, magnet(s), string or anything sharp
- Vomits again and again, or retches with nothing coming up
- Has a swollen or painful belly, strains, or will not eat

MY VET _____

EMERGENCY CLINIC _____

ANIMAL POISON HELPLINE _____

General information to support, not replace, your veterinarian’s advice. Based on our articles *Puppies and swallowed objects* and *Poisoning risks in the kennel and home*, with their sources, at thebreedercollective.com.

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