



Our favorite chews

Dogs love to chew. Dogs need to chew: it not only helps keep their teeth clean but helps relieve boredom and anxiety, keeping their minds active and sharp. Offering appropriate chews can help prevent your pup from chewing on your furniture and shoes. There are a lot of choices out there for your dog, and not every chew is made equal.

Safety:

Safety is always a concern when you're giving your dog something to chew. There is, unfortunately, no such thing as an indestructible chew on the market (some dogs can get through anything).

The only safe chew is one that is supervised.

Be sure to replace any toy that has broken or that loses small chunks.

Our favorite recommendations:

Toys:

Nylabone: Nylabone makes a wide range of products to fit every need: from chews for powerful chewers to dental chews to puppy teething chews. The original style is made from a durable nylon that, as the toy is chewed, act as a toothbrush to help clean their teeth and gums. To see all they offer, check out their website [here](#).

[KONG](#): The KONG Classic is the gold standard of dog toys! They are perfect for stuffing (check out our



article [Cool Summer Treats for a Cool Dog](#) for recipe ideas for frozen chews) and bounce in unpredictable ways for fun games of fetch. Have a powerful chewer? The KONG Extreme is for you! They offer the same benefits as the Classic in an ultra strong, ultra durable toy. Both styles made in the US.

Natural chews:

Ears, tracheas, and duck feet: These are chews that are meant to be enjoyed in a few minutes. They are very digestible, and ears come in different proteins: pig ears are more flavorful and lamb and cow ears are lower in fat. Tracheas and duck feet are excellent chews for older dogs as they are naturally high in glucosamine and chondroitin, helpful for slow, aching joints.



Bully sticks: Bully sticks are 100% natural beef that has not been treated with chemicals and preservatives. These tasty chews are low in fat and high in protein. We get our bully sticks from Argentina, where they are well known for their free range cattle and strict meat standards.

Rawhide: Rawhide has a bad reputation as being unsafe because of the chemicals used to cure the skins. Our American and South American made rawhides are naturally sun dried, so they're digestible and very tasty.

Himalayan dog chews: These unique dog chews are made based on an ancient recipe for a hard cheese snack by the Himalayan people. They are highly digestible, as the lactose is removed during cooking, and, depending on your dog's activity level, is a long lasting chew. See more at the [Himalayan dog chew website](#).



Raw bones: One of the best chews for your dog – it's what they'd be chewing on in the wild! There is a lot to cover on raw bones, so check out our [caresheet](#) on raw bones for more information on the benefits, how to introduce and feed.

Antlers: One of our hardest natural chews. These antler pieces are harvested after deer naturally shed them, so they are sustainable and cruelty free. They are cleaned and sterilized and then cut to desired sizes. They can be soaked in chicken or beef broth overnight to give some flavor to encourage your dog to chew them.

*** NEW * RuffRoots:** This new chew from the people who make the Himalayan dog chew is sustainably harvested from the roots of trees and shrubs from the Mediterranean Heathlands in Spain. They make a great 100% natural alternative to rubber and plastic toys. They are splinter resistant, extremely long lasting, and effective natural toothbrushes. You can see more details on their website [here](#).



Picking the right chew:

First of all, know your dog. Are they a mild chewer, that takes a long time to get through the softest chews? Or are they powerful chewers, like piranhas on four legs? Are they somewhere in between?

Second, pick the right size. Our general rule of thumb is pick a treat that is twice the size (or larger) of their mouth. You can go too small, but not too large.

Stop by and see all the solutions we have to meet your dog's need to chew.