

# PUPPY PROOFING CHECKLIST



**Puppy-proof your home, garden and car!**

**PRO TIP:** Get down on the floor and crawl around on all fours to get a pup's eye view of your place. Look for things that a puppy could chew on or get tangled in, and small spaces he or she could squeeze through.

## KITCHEN CHECKLIST

- Put away cleaning products
- Keep your bins covered securely
- Keep food out of reach
- Clear/clean counters regularly
- Don't leave plastic bags out
- Secure knives and other sharp objects

## LIVING ROOM CHECKLIST

- Secure electrical cords
- Put away any soft furnishings you don't want chewed!
- Remove any small furniture items that could easily be knocked over
- Remove indoor plants as they could be toxic or knocked over
- Remove air fresheners as they can be toxic to animals
- Cover the sofa and chairs
- Remove rugs
- Put away any loose items which could be chewed
- Close and secure windows and doors

## BATHROOM CHECKLIST

- Ensure any medications and toiletries are out of reach
- Keep toilet lids down and toilet roll out of sight!
- Keep your bins covered securely
- Close bathroom door when running a bath

## OTHER INDOOR AREAS

- Use stairgates to minimise access
- Secure electrical cords
- Put away all clothes, shoes, jackets, etc.
- Move / block access to any indoor house plants as they could be toxic
- Remove air fresheners as they could also be toxic to dogs
- Close and secure windows and doors

## OUTDOOR SPACE

- Close driveway gates (if applicable)
- Remove any possible climbing aids that are near fences, walls, etc.
- Check and repair any holes in hedges, fencing, etc.
- Close garden shed doors, garages, etc.
- Consider moving plant pots and flower beds
- Garden furniture stored securely
- Watering cans, hosepipes tidied away
- Consider an outdoor puppy playpen if you have a larger garden
- Be aware of the plants in your garden, could any be toxic to dogs?
- Swimming pool fenced off (if applicable)
- Keep lawn mowed to avoid the possibility of ticks (if in a tick area)

## CAR

- Dog guard for back of estates and SUVs
- Car travel crate for complete safety
- Dog harness if placing on the back seat
- Remove any loose objects from vicinity

