



# PUPPY-PROOFING CHECKLIST



## Throughout the House

- Make sure lamps are secure.
- Stabilize any shelves.
- Move any decorations that are within reach.
- Ensure craft materials and toys are out of reach.
- Get rid of the garbage can, or purchase one with a secure-locking lid.
- Screen your fireplace.
- Cover all vents, including air and heating.
- Close or securely screen all doors and windows.
- Tuck away magazines, books, newspapers, mail, checkbooks, and notepads.
- Search for small objects around the house.
- Hide objects with restricted access (example: litterbox)
- Invest in outlet covers and cover all outlets.
- Secure any wires that are within reach.
- If any wires must stay close to the ground, determine a way to protect them from puppy chewing.



## Indoor Plants

- Do your research on the plants inside your home, to ensure they are non-toxic to dogs.
- Place plants out of your pup's reach.



## Kitchen

- Dangerous foods such as chocolate, onions, raisins, and grapes must be stored properly.
- Put away vitamins, dietary supplements, and pharmaceutical medications.
- Store any knives and other razor-sharp kitchen equipment.
- Ensure counters are clean and food isn't within reach.



## Bathroom

- Close toilet lids.
- Ensure all soaps and cleaning supplies are out of reach.
- Close and lock cabinets with childproof latches.
- Put away any sharp objects including clippers, razors, and scissors.



## Outside

- Ensure the pool and hot tub are off-limits and inaccessible.
- Check for weak points in the fencing around your yard (if applicable).
- Lock away weed killer, herbicide, etc. to keep it away from your puppy.
- Maintain a groomed lawn and neatly edged and clipped gardens.