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## PROVIDING A SAFE, SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR PUPPY

In a lot of ways, a puppy is like a child. You need to be aware of its environment and how your pup's curiosity can sometimes lead it into danger. To help avoid accidents you need to use proper and careful supervision at all times to keep your puppy safe.

1. Always keep your puppy on a leash when outdoors in an unfenced area and never leave a puppy unattended.
2. When you can't supervise your puppy the use of a dog crate or at least, a small, confined area for the pup to stay in will keep him safe. A crate isn't cruel! It's your dog's own private room where he can rest and stay safe, secure and out of trouble. Just like a small child, your puppy needs to be protected from hurting himself and destroying your furniture. A crate will make the job so much easier!
3. Puppy-proof your house just as if you had a toddler in your home. Keep trash bins in closed cabinets, clear off the floor as many electric cord as possible (puppies like to chew) and keep things off the floor and low table tops that you do not want the puppy to have (plants, candy, food, shoes, clothing, cleaning chemicals and any other items).
4. If you have a pool, you may teach the puppy how to swim to the steps, but do not rely on this for total water safety. Do not leave a puppy unattended near any open body of water. Ponds, rivers and streams can be just as dangerous as pools. Control your puppy with a long-line or leash when you are around dangerous settings. Pools and other large bodies of water must be fenced to keep the puppy out of the area when not directly supervised.
5. Poisons can cause death or injury to internal organs to your puppy. Do not let your puppy drink from puddles (some contain dangerous anti-freeze) or other sources of water of uncertain purity. Some common indoor and outside plants types are poisonous do not let your puppy eat any plants. In the case of a possible poisoning, consult a veterinarian immediately. Different poisons require specific treatments, and many times the speed of your response can make a crucial difference in your puppy's prognosis. For additional information that you can refer to regarding



poisons go to ASPCA web site:

[http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro\\_apcc](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc)

6. Foreign objects that are swallowed can cause obstructions in the stomach or intestines that must be surgically removed. Puppies need to be taught from the time that they are young not to pick up objects from the ground, indoors and outdoors.