

## Bone-Up on Rawhide's Benefits

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One of the best things you can do for your dog is to provide him with a rawhide chew. Most dogs find chewing rawhide to just be plain fun. Rawhide provides stimulating activity by entertaining your dog for hours and keeping his mind alert. This is especially important for older dogs that may not be as active. Rawhide also satisfies your dog's innate urge to chew, helping you to avoid destructive chewing behavior from both puppies and adult dogs.

Rawhide bones, chips, rolls and twists help improve dental health by helping to scrape away plaque, control tartar buildup, and maintain gum health. This diminishes bad breath, keeps teeth whiter, and reduces the risk of potentially serious dental problems. Premium beef rawhide is a great dental tool because, when new, it's a challenge to chew, enticing your dog to gnaw and scrape. But then it softens up so your pup is tempted to tug on it - a great trick to wipe away plaque between teeth.

A long-time favorite among all dog breeds, [Rawhide Bones](#) are available in a variety of shapes and sizes to satisfy every chewing habit and dogs of all sizes. Drs. Foster & Smith have gone to great lengths to ensure that our rawhide chews are the absolute best for your dog. Made from premium beef hide from corn-fed American cattle, our rawhide is produced under the strictest quality standards and tightly wrapped/knotted to provide the most rawhide for your money. Compare our rawhide bones to the thin, loosely wrapped bones you will find on any retail shelf, and you'll see a definite difference in quality.

Whether your dog prefers traditional knotted bones, rings, or sticks - flavored or plain - our wide variety of rawhide, including [Drs. Foster & Smith Premium Natural Rawhide](#), [Natural Retriever Rolls](#), and [5" Rawhide Twist Packs](#), offers something for every dog. All are non-staining. You can provide them to your pet without worry about finding spots on your carpet or furniture. If your dog makes quick work of standard rawhide chews, try a [Pressed Rawhide Bone](#), which provides several "welded" layers of the longest-lasting, toughest rawhide available.

We recommend supervising your dog while he's chewing a rawhide bone and taking away smaller pieces he has chewed off to minimize the extremely rare risks of choking and intestinal blockage.

