

Safe Toys for Home Alone Dogs

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Even though your pet may spend his days home alone, he doesn't have to spend most of his time in boredom. While there may be a wide variety of favorites in the toy box for your dog to play with, some toys and treats are best put away before you leave the house.

Rawhides, for example, are sloppy fun, but require supervision. Likewise, older plush toys may open up after many rounds of tug, exposing the plastic squeaker inside. When deciding which toys to leave out, think safety first, considering those that are least likely to shred, splinter, or otherwise pose a risk to your pup.

CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS:

- **Rubberized Toys** like [KONG Toys](#) are made of thick rubber to stand up to hours of safe chewing. These puncture-resistant dog toys are durable, safe, and fun.
- **Flavored Synthetic Nylabones** borrow the shape dogs love, but won't splinter like real bones. Infused with real meat juices for great taste, they also prevent plaque build-up and massage the gums while helping relieve boredom. If your dog is an aggressive chewer, this may not be the best choice.
- **Interactive treat toys**, made from high impact plastic, engage your dog's mind while you're away. The [Tricky Treat Ball](#), for example, is designed so you can tuck treats inside that only come out when your dog nudges, paws, and noses them.

Safe toys keep his imagination active, discourage destructive behavior, promote dental health, and give you peace of mind. And with the variety and sizes available, it's easy to find a new favorite for that special place in the toy box.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:



Tricky Treat Ball



Nylabone Durables



KONG Classic & Extreme Toys



Everlasting Treat Ball for Dogs