

Puppy Love

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If you are like most pet parents you will include your dog on Santa's Christmas list and toys will be the number one item you seek. Toys may be more important to your dog's happiness than you might think, they are actually necessary for your little doxie to live a happy and healthy life. Experts validate that dogs need toys and they need more than one kind of toy, not necessarily the most expensive ones, just different types. Toys can take an edge off of a bad day, like a stress ball you squeeze when you are mad. Softer toys a dog can "baby" satisfy gentler instincts. Frisbees, balls and tugs are ways to share the fun, while squeaky playthings cry out for attack. Most dogs love squeaky toys and instinctively go in for "the kill" while playing with things that squeak, but not all squeaky toys are created equal so be very selective in choosing only the most durable. Dogs with affectionate personalities have a preference for plush toys and these types of toys come in many shapes and textures. Avoid toys with buttons, bells and bows. Wash all toys in washing machine frequently. Discard any toy that has suffered from too much love.



The Right Toys

A guideline for selecting safe toys is to always buy durable, bigger and softer. Absolutely no rawhide or animal bones.



Christmas Gift Wrapping With a Dachshund...

- * Gather presents, boxes and paper in middle of living room floor.
- * Get tape back from dachshund.
- * Open a box.
- * Take dachshund out of box.
- * Take scissors from dachshund.
- * Put present in box.
- * Remove present form dachshund's mouth.
- * Put back in box after removing dachshund from box.
- * Take scissors away and sit on them.
- * Remove dachshund from box and put lid on it.
- * Un-roll paper.
- * Take dachshund off box.
- * Wrap paper around box.
- * Remove dachshund from box and take wrapping paper from her mouth.
- * Fend off dachshund trying to steal tape and tape one spot.
- * Take box from dachshund.
- * Remove dachshund from present and hurriedly slap on tape.
- * Take soggy bow from dachshund and tape on since sticky stuff ruined.
- * Grab present before dachshund opens it and put away.
- * Take two aspirin, sit down in chair ~ dachshund will fall asleep on your lap.