

Welcome to Chew School!

lesson #1 - chews the right size®

DOGS & CATS up to 15lbs
No-Hide® STIX



DOGS 16-45lbs
Small No-Hide® Chew



DOGS 46-75lbs
Medium No-Hide® Chew



DOGS 76+lbs
Large No-Hide® Chew



lesson #2 - chew styles:

INHALER-GULPER:

Now you see it, now you don't! Inhalers bite off big chunks and pieces of chews and swallow them fast—this can be dangerous. We always suggest strict supervision and a strong hawk-eye during all waking hours. If the choice to give any type of chew to gulpers such as a toy, ball, bull stick, tendon, antler, No-Hide® or bone, always remove any small or unraveled pieces.

DESTROYER:

These are the dogs that thoroughly destroy whatever they get their mouths on! They may or may not swallow what they destroy, so be careful because there can be a fine line between a "Destroyer" and an "Inhaler-Gulper". We suggest the same supervision as the Inhaler-Gulper and remember to remove any small or unraveled pieces.

NIBBLER:

These dogs are gentle, more low-key chewers. They take their time and savor their chews and toys slowly. Always supervise and never leave any chew with a dog unattended. Please know that although a nibbler is gentler, they can still chew off small pieces that should be removed.

lesson #3 - dogs chew 101

They chew as a form of play, they chew to eat, they chew out of boredom, and they chew because it makes their taste buds happy. Dogs choose to chew - but it's up to us as pet parents to supervise their chew choices to keep this activity both fun and safe.

lesson #4 - how to supervise

- Keep a watch for small, torn off and unrolled pieces (If this occurs, gently remove these pieces immediately)
- Unless very close and constant supervision is available with dogs that gulp or inhale, we recommend avoiding chews all together.
- Always monitor animals while they chew, and be sure they have plenty of fresh, clean water nearby. If they cannot be supervised, remove the chew from their reach.

lesson #5 - need-to-know facts

Any chew, food, snack, toy, and even sticks and stones, have the potential to cause choking. The ultimate choice of the right chew depends upon your dog's size, health, and chewing preferences. Anything that's ingested presents the potential risk of harm to dogs. Chews wisely.

chew concentration for Brachycephalic Breeds By Dr. Kris Hansen D.V.M., Earth Animal

Brachycephalic dog breeds encompass many of the most popular dogs I see in my practice. Common breeds include Bulldogs, Shih Tzus, Boston Terriers, Pugs, Boxers, Mastiffs, Chows, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and Lhasa Apsos.



Brachycephalic means "shortened head", referring to the flattened face of these breeds. This breed characteristic also lends itself to having some level of compromised breathing.

Many of these breeds love to chew and have very strong jaws. This fact coupled with their physiology make them susceptible to choking on chew toys and digestible chews. It is very important to know your dog's "chew IQ" and give appropriately sized chew items to your brachycephalic pet.

I recommend to all my clients that all dogs should be observed while chewing and any item should be taken away from dogs when they are left alone.

It is great to provide No-Hides for your pets, but always remember to supervise!

Your homework assignments:

1 CHEWS THE RIGHT SIZE.

2 SUPERVISE! SUPERVISE! SUPERVISE!

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