

Puppy-Proofing Checklist

Puppies explore with their mouths. **Get down to puppy height and go room by room.** In 2025, ASPCA Animal Poison Control logged pet exposures to more than 376,000 items, led by over-the-counter medicines and supplements, then food and drink.

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PUPPY'S NAME

VET PHONE

EMERGENCY VET

ROOM BY ROOM

- ☐ **Cords** unplugged, hidden or covered

☐ **Cleaners** up high or behind child latches

☐ **Small things** off the floor: socks, hair ties, coins, kids' toys

☐ **Garage:** antifreeze sealed and leaks cleaned up

☐ **Sugar-free gum and mints** out of bags and coat pockets
- ☐ **Medicines** off low tables and nightstands, in a closed cabinet

☐ **Toilet lids** down; **trash** in a lidded can or behind a door

☐ **Batteries** put away, button batteries most of all

☐ **Rodent bait** and insect killers out of reach

☐ **Sago palms** removed (and lilies too, if you have a cat)

CALL YOUR VET OR A POISON LINE NOW, EVEN IF YOUR PUPPY SEEMS FINE

Xylitol

In sugar-free gum, candy, mints, some peanut butters, baked goods and toothpaste. Low blood sugar can start within 30 minutes.

Antifreeze

Tastes sweet; as little as 3–4 teaspoons can kill a dog. Treatment works best within 1–2 hours.

Rodent bait

Internal bleeding can appear 3–5 days later. Keep the packaging for your vet.

Sago palm

Every part is toxic, seeds included; up to half of poisonings are fatal.

Batteries

Chewed batteries leak caustic material; button batteries can lodge and burn. Burns can take a day to show.

Medicines

Over-the-counter medicines and supplements were the top cause of pet poison calls in 2025.

ROOM CHECK

ROOM	CHECKED (DATE)	WHAT YOU FIXED	STILL TO DO

Poison lines (US, 24/7): ASPCA Animal Poison Control 888-426-4435 · Pet Poison Helpline 855-764-7661. A fee may apply. Don't make your puppy vomit unless a vet tells you to.

THE FULL VERSION: PUPPY-PROOFING & HOME SAFETY GUIDE · ON ETSY: NEWDOGCO.ETSY.COM

Sources: ASPCA Animal Poison Control (top 10 toxins 2025; sago palm; rodenticides; batteries; lilies); Merck Veterinary Manual (xylitol; ethylene glycol); American Kennel Club (puppy-proofing); VCA Animal Hospitals (xylitol).