



DOG PROOF YOUR HOME

Checklist

Bringing home a new dog, foster dog or just have a dog visiting?

Even if you have other resident dogs, it's important to dog proof your home before any new dog comes over, even a friend's visiting dog!

Remove anything that could be unsafe or undesirable for the dog to chew on. Charging cables, candles, bar soap, medication, food, cleaning supplies can all attract a curious dog.

Some human foods can be dangerous if consumed by dogs, so even if you think a dog wouldn't be interested in something or can't reach, keep those counters and tabletops clear!

This new dog is an unknown entity, and you should never underestimate their abilities.

Use this checklist to make sure you're dog proofing your home so the dog and your stuff are both kept safe!

If you need one-on-guidance, book a session with me [here!](#)

Let the adventures begin! 🐾

- Seal trash cans or keep them behind a closed door. (Don't forget the bathroom!)
- Put house plants out of reach, behind a barrier like an x-pen or in a room with a closed door.
- Ensure small animal enclosures (like hamsters) and fish tanks are out of reach.
- Keep the toilet lids closed.
- Relocate valuables or decorative items to a high shelf or table.
- Put away potentially valuable items like dog toys, chews or bones.
- Keep both people and pet food out of reach.
- Secure all medications, lotions, candles & make-up.
- Pick up any clothing items off the floor, especially things like socks & undies!
- Ensure cleaning supplies, even bar soap, is safely put away.
- Put all TV remotes and phone/computer chargers away.
- Pick up children's toys or anything small enough that could be ingested.
- Clear counters, even of food you think might not interest a dog.

