



# PUPPY BITING

## A GUIDE FOR SURVIVING THE SHARKY PUPPY STAGE

Exploring the world with their mouths is a normal part of puppy development. Unfortunately for us humans, this means sometimes they explore on our limbs or grab things we don't want them to.

### THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Remember, this is a normal developmental stage, and it will pass. It's certainly also frustrating, and disheartening. Feel free to scream into a pillow, not at your puppy.

### A STITCH, IN TIME, SAVES NINE

Management is going to be your best friend during this stage. Keep valuables out of reach, put shoes away, and check the environment for small, edible objects. Keep lots of puppy safe toys around.

### HANDS ARE NOT TOYS

Nope. Not even once.

### BEAUTY REST

When puppies get overstimulated or overtired they need to take naps. Not all of them know how to settle themselves. If you notice your puppy is extra sharky, try putting them in a quiet area with a frozen food toy to see if they take a well deserved rest.

### TOYS MATTER

Figure out what your puppy gravitates to when they're teething and make sure to have those style toys on hand. Think about hard plastic or rubber toys, soft toys, long toys for tugging, balls, or whatever your puppy prefers.

### WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

If your puppy doesn't respond to any of the above tips, and you feel that the biting is excessive, too much to handle or explosive, contact your primary care veterinarian for guidance.



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