

Enrichment for Dogs



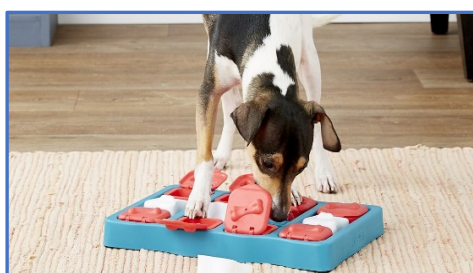
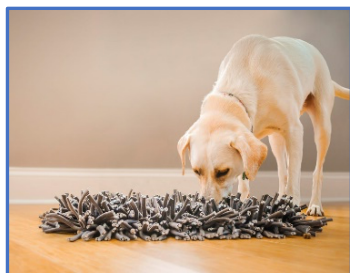
Puppies have active and enquiring minds, therefore we must provide mental stimulation for them, this will provide your dog something meaningful and challenging to do. These activities will alleviate boredom which will decrease the likelihood of your dog developing any behaviour issues, such as barking or destructive chewing, ensuring a happy, healthy and well-balanced dog. **NOTE: Your dog should always be supervised.**

Enrichment Toys

Ditching the food bowl and feeding from enrichment feeders instead is a great way to keep your dog entertained, they will give your dog a chance to use some of his natural problem-solving abilities. Always choose one which is suitable for your dog's size, age, and teeth.

There are many available on the market from snuffle mats, Liki mats, puzzle toys, hollow chew toys like Kongs and homemade toys like a plastic bottle that you can hide treats inside or simply scatter feeding.

Keep in mind that some toys will last much longer than others. For example, a Kong with softened food in, then frozen will keep your dog entertained much longer than a simple cardboard box!



Scent Work Fun

Dogs have an extremely powerful sense of smell, therefore allowing your dog to use his nose is incredibly important as sniffing can be very stimulating and calming. You can play many fun and interesting scent games, both in the house and outdoors, such as find the treat/toy, hide and seek with you and your dog, and follow the trail of treats.

These are easy games to play, all you need is tasty treats and some imagination! Start off by holding treats in one hand and letting your dog sniff it out, then once he's got the idea of sniffing out treats gradually make it harder.



Sniffy Walks

One of your dogs' favourite activities is going out for a walk, we can use this to allow your dog to go on a sniffing extravaganza!! By letting your dog to sniff on walks, he will gather lots of information even on his everyday regular walk.

Scents will always be very interesting even if he has been there many times before. Take time each week to go on a sniffing only walk, try out new places like the woods or the beach. Every sniff only walk will bring new sniffing opportunities!

