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IS YOUR HOME "PUPPY-PROOF"?

Your puppy probably can't wait to investigate (by investigate, we mean, chew, taste, and swallow) everything within his reach. But sometimes this adventuresome spirit can spell danger.

That's why it is essential that you "puppy-proof" your home and yard - ideally before he moves in - by making sure that all potential poisons and dangers are out of reach. Here are a few of the hazards you should be particularly aware of:

*** ELECTRICAL CORDS.** Tuck them where your puppy can't get to them, and keep a watchful eye lest he should have an urge to chew. **A SHOCK CAN BE FATAL.**

*** MEDICINES.** Make sure that all medicines are stored high above your puppy's reach, and never leave pills or containers on low, accessible surfaces, even for a moment.

*** POISONS AND HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS.** See that no cleansers, polishes, insecticides, rodent poisons, or other dangerous chemicals have been left in "puppy-level", easy to open cabinets (child safe latches can help).

*** POISONOUS PLANTS.** Not all plants are pet friendly. Many can be harmful to your dog. Indoor: cactus, dumb cane, mistletoe, photodendron, poinsettia sap and tobacco - to name a few. Outdoors: azalea, daffodil flower bud, honeysuckle, horse chestnut, lilly of the valley, morning glory flower, rhododendron, rhubarb, skunk cabbage, tulip bulb, and wild mushroom - to name a few.

You can find a more complete list of "HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS POISONOUS TO PETS" and "PLANTS POISONOUS TO PETS" as well as "POISON HOTLINE NUMBERS" on other pages in this book.