

# BUYER'S GUIDE

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DOG TOYS**



**BREED SPECIFIC  
DOG TOYS  
FOR PLAY  
AND TRAINING**

**TOUGH TOYS  
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Toys can be as important to a dog's development as they are for children. Toys can do more than keep children and pets entertained and occupied. Properly selected, they can assist both children and dogs with their social and emotional development. Games with toys helps strengthen social bonds, and exercise both minds and bodies.

Every dog should have three sets of toys; chew toys to satisfy the need to chew, interactive treat dispensing toys to entertain themselves with, and a set of toys that they only have access to when they are playing with their owners.

### **Rules for Dog Toys**

- No toy is indestructible
- Anything the dog considers fun can be a toy
- Toys must be nontoxic, large enough that they cannot be swallowed, destroyed or ingested
- Rotate the toys your dog has access to at least every few days so they do not get bored with them
- **Supervisor your dog with any new toy to be sure it is safe for your dog**

### **Chew Toys**

- A quality chew toy will satisfy your dog's need to chew and provide a constructive and safe way to occupy his time
- Chew toys may also help with gentle cleaning of the teeth and gums
- Many can be stuffed and/or frozen with organic peanut butter, applesauce/blueberries, grated carrots/chicken, etc...

### **Interactive Treat Dispensing Toys**

- Start by using a small treat so that they come out easily when the toy is rolled or moved
- Nurture your dog's natural curiosity by providing encouragement as he explores the toy
- Slowly roll or move the toy so treats fall out, then encourage your dog to eat the treats
  - The toy can be used to feed your dog a part of his daily meal if you use kibble
- Buy a premium brand of kibble to use as a special treat for the toy; it will generally have less empty calories and filler than regular treats

### **Toys For Play With Owners**

- Control the toys and keep them out of sight of the dog
- If you are a good playmate your dog will be interested in playing with these with you
- All dogs should be taught to play with toys with their owner, specifically retrieving games, a.k.a. "sharing"

None of these toys hold any magical value. You will need to make playing with your dog fun for your dog. If you have any challenges read Chapter 19 of The "Dog Vinci Code" by John Rogerson. <http://amzn.to/2qRy9na>

# FOOD & TREAT

## DISPENSING TOYS

Food treat dispensing Interactive toys are a great way to stimulate and engage all your dog's senses.



**Monster Mouth**

<http://amzn.to/2rrTxBs>



**Monster-Ball**

<http://amzn.to/2sltxYo>



**Genius Leo**

<http://amzn.to/2eZdpJR>

# FOOD & TREAT

## DISPENSING TOYS



**Tux**

West Paw Design

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2slCe59>



**Tizzi**

West Paw Design

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2slqkrM>



**Toppl Large / Small**

West Paw Design

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2q1hnLP>



**Qwizl**

West Paw Design

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rsbTSQ>



**Top 4 Treat Toys**

<https://youtu.be/kxFIWgL7cr4>



**Happer Lapper**  
Made in the USA  
[www.happylapper.com](http://www.happylapper.com)



**Kong**  
Made in the USA  
<http://amzn.to/2qNyjfb>



**Twist 'n Treat**  
<http://amzn.to/2sle8Y7>



**Kong Wobbler**  
Made in the USA  
<http://amzn.to/2qHjhZI>



**Treatstik**  
Made in the USA  
NOT for dogs under 10 pounds.  
<http://amzn.to/2slyu3y>



**Veggout Carrot**  
USA Made  
<http://amzn.to/2slksPI>

# BREED SPECIFIC

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## DOG TOYS

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### SPORTING GROUP RETRIEVERS

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Start early training with retrieving a cylindrical shape toy. The cylindrical shaped toy will stay in place when thrown and it encourages a better holding and release behavior when asked. Since retrieving contains an element of chasing which most dogs love to do, we will not want to strengthen this behavior without putting some controls on this behavior. We want to make chasing permission based, and add brakes on the behavior by teaching the puppy to come back to us even when he is chasing something. Ideally we want to teach this by 16-weeks.

The large Tuffy toys are great fetch toys to help active dogs drain energy.



### Polly Pig

Tuffy Barnyard Dog Toy  
<http://amzn.to/2szg26u>



### Hippo

Tuffy Zoo Dog Toy  
<http://amzn.to/2rB3YER>



### Tiger

Tuffy Zoo Dog Toy  
<http://amzn.to/2rOgEcc>



### Elephant

Tuffy Zoo Dog Toy  
<http://amzn.to/2snLyoX>



**T-Rex Tuffy Dinosaur Dog Toy** <http://amzn.to/2snAYOV>



**Tuffy Dog Toys**  
**Large variety to choose from.**

World's "Tuff"est  
Soft Dog Toys

<http://amzn.to/2rOGZH0>



**Mighty Dog Toys**

Large variety to choose from.

<http://amzn.to/2qJFTbB>



**Rabbit**

Mighty Massive Dog Toy

<http://amzn.to/2rAXtlu>





### **Lunker**

Ruffwear Interactive Floating Throw Toy

<http://amzn.to/2s35gJt>



### **Gourdo™**

Interactive, natural rubber throw toy

<http://amzn.to/2qJKfzA>



### **Bionic Urban Stick**

<http://amzn.to/2rP9HaO>



### **Hurley**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qK1D7a>

### **Bumper & Firehose**

Dog Training Toys

<http://amzn.to/2qK3XLg>

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# HERDING DOGS

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Start early retrieve training with a toy that will engage the dog's natural instincts to chase. These toys bounce and skip when they hit the ground. Used properly in early training you can place those instincts under control. Since retrieving contains an element of chasing which most dogs love to do, we will not want to strengthen this behavior without putting some controls on this behavior. We want to make chasing permission based, and add brakes on the behavior by teaching the puppy to come back to us even when he is chasing something. Ideally we want to teach this by 16-weeks.



### **Football**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff Sport Dog Toys

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rBIZD2>



### **Carrot**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rOHoJL>



### **Eggplant**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rOPfa8>



### **Strawberry**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qK59P2>



### **Artichoke**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rPf6i6>



### **Diamond Plate Double-Tuff**

Planet Dog Orbee-Tuff

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qJPAXt>



### **Veggout Dog Toy**

Zigoo Pet

USA Made

<http://amzn.to/2qLquf6>



### **Tizzi**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qLfbmV>



### **Boz**

West Paw Design Zogoflex Air

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rBybDA>



### **Jive**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rP3bB8>



### **Wox**

West Paw Design Zogoflex Air

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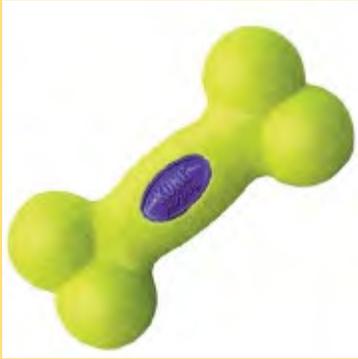
<http://amzn.to/2s39y3k>



### **Turnup**

Ruffwear

<http://amzn.to/2rP2KGQ>



**KONG Air Dog Squeaker Dog Toy**

<http://amzn.to/2rOUmHh>



**Kong Air Dog Squeaker Dumbbell**

<http://amzn.to/2rP320h>



**Kong Air Squeaker Stick**

<http://amzn.to/2szxGr0>



**KONG Air Dog Squeaker Dog Toy**

<http://amzn.to/2soxiwc>



**MajorDog Speed Sling Ball Dog Toy**

<http://amzn.to/2qKbABr>



**MAJOR DOG Swimming Eddy Toy**

<http://amzn.to/2rOXrqZ>



**Kong Wubba**

<http://amzn.to/2qLBtVz>

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# GUARDING BREEDS

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Retrieving should be the very first game to teach your guarding breed. Guarding breeds are naturally possessive so teach them the concept of sharing first! (Retrieving) Start early training with a cylindrical shaped toy with a string or rope attached to keep your fingers away from the dog's mouth. You will want two identical toys that are large.

Since retrieving contains an element of chasing which most dogs love to do, we will not want to strengthen this behavior without putting some controls on this behavior. We want to make chasing permission based, and add brakes on the behavior by teaching the puppy to come back to us even when he is chasing something. Ideally we want to teach this by 16-weeks.



### **Lunker**

Ruffwear Interactive Floating Throw Toy

<http://amzn.to/2s35gJt>



### **KONG Training Dummy**

<http://amzn.to/2sorgeQ>



### **Gourdo™**

Interactive, natural rubber throw toy

<http://amzn.to/2qJKfzA>



### **Bionic Urban Stick**

<http://amzn.to/2rP9HaO>

### **Bumper & Firehose**

### **Dog Training Toys**

<http://amzn.to/2qK3XLg>

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# TERRIERS

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The **worst** toy to start with would be a soft stuffed toy or a rubber squeaky toy! A terrier would most likely not return to you with the toy but rather would take it elsewhere and crush, shake and kill the toy since terriers were breed to kill small vermin. Start early training using a knotted rag or rope playing retrieving games.

During early training/play sessions you will need a variety of toys to keep your terrier's interest. Start with knotted rags, ropes, working up to plastic bottles and more exciting items once your terrier has learned to retrieve. The goal of all early training is to place those instincts under control.



## **Hemp Rope Toys**

Earth Dog

100% romanian-grown hemp

**10% discount**

<http://earthdog.refr.cc/G964BK8>



## **Small Tuff E Nuff Tug**

Genuine Dog Gear

Strong braided American polyester fleece

Made in the USA

[www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-TENF-SM.html](http://www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-TENF-SM.html)



## **Rocket Ring**

Genuine Dog Gear

Made in the USA

[www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-RCKT.html](http://www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-RCKT.html)



## **Rocket Ring 8**

Made in the USA

[www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-RCKT-8.html](http://www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-RCKT-8.html)



## **Crinkits 8 Oz Water Bottle Dog Toy**

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qJZWqh>

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# HOUNDS

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Many hounds love to run so direct that energy onto an appropriate toy and not cats, squirrels, and rabbits, etc... Many hounds love chasing games so start with a flirt pole. You can fashion your own or purchase one. With a young dog you can start by attaching some feathers to the end of a line and flicking them in front of your dog. When you peak his curiosity flick them away to start the chase. Flirt poles are a great fun and a great way to exercise your dog. Do not overdo it with young dogs since they are still growing and vulnerable to injury. Check with your veterinarian for guidance. Since retrieving contains an element of chasing which most dogs love to do, we will not want to strengthen this behavior without putting some controls on this behavior. We want to make chasing permission based, and add brakes on the behavior by teaching the puppy to come back to us even when he is chasing something. Ideally we want to teach this by 16-weeks.



**Vee Chase 'N Pull**  
Made in the USA  
<http://amzn.to/2s3IAZx>



**PURRfect Cat Toys Pouncer Toy**  
<http://amzn.to/2s3RfuY>

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**Buffalo Bar**  
[www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-BUFF-BR.html](http://www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-BUFF-BR.html)



**Fox**  
STUFFING-FREE  
Ethical Pet  
<http://amzn.to/2sAfHRm>



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# TOY BREEDS

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Although a bit more challenging it is not impossible to teach a toy dog to engage in play with its owner. But you will need to make the game fun. This can be done with something as simple as a sheet of paper or something more naturally exciting like a soft stuffed toy. If your toy breed is a Yorkshire Terrier or Toy Fox Terrier you will likely have an easier time engaging your dog in play due to their terrier heritage. If your dog likes to sit in your lap you can use a small stuffed toy to teach it to retrieve and then give it permission to be in your lap. Get a copy of "The Dog Vinci Code" by John Rogerson to learn how to teach this. <http://amzn.to/2s4e69L>



**KONG Wild Knots Bear**

XS, S, M, L, XL



**Ethical Pets Hoots Dog Toy, 3-Inch**

<http://amzn.to/2sp9tnN>

# TUG TOYS



Games of tug should not be taught until the dog has learned to share. How do you teach a puppy to share? You teach them to retrieve which is the concept of sharing something with you. This is especially important for owners of guarding breeds like German Shepherds, Dobermans, and even the terrier breeds which were used to kill vermin and we never wanted them to share their kill with us.

**Genuine Dog Gear**  
**Quality Tug Toys**  
<http://amzn.to/2vjYctN>



### **Small Tuff E Nuff Tug**

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### **Buffalo Bar**

[www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-BUFF-BR.html](http://www.genuinedoggear.com/GDT-BUFF-BR.html)



### **Hemp Rope Toys**

Earth Dog

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<http://earthdog.refr.cc/G964BK8>



### **3-Way-Ring**

Tuffy Ultimate Dog Toy

<http://amzn.to/2spnCS8>



### **3-Way-Tug**

Tuffy Ultimate Dog Toy

<http://amzn.to/2rCwbuR>



### **Bumi**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

<http://amzn.to/2sArr63>



### **MajorDog Speed Sling Ball**

Dog Toy

<http://amzn.to/2spneTt>



### **Gourdo™**

Interactive, natural rubber  
throw toy

<http://amzn.to/2qJKfzA>

# CHEW TOYS



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### **Tux**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

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<http://amzn.to/2qKzGvR>



### **Zwizl**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2rCtMjF>



### **Hurley**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2sACn3G>



### **Jive**

West Paw Design Zogoflex

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2sAKVaX>



**Bionic Bone Durable Dog Toy Chew**

<http://amzn.to/2speJbg>



### **Bionic Urban Stick**

Durable Dog Toy Chew

<http://amzn.to/2rmmvUG>



### **Bionic Urban Stick Durable Dog Toy Chew**

<http://amzn.to/2rCoBjZ>



### **Kong**

Made in the USA

<http://amzn.to/2qNyjfb>

# FETCH TOYS



- Anything the dog considers fun can be a toy
- Toys must be nontoxic, large enough that they cannot be swallowed, destroyed or ingested
- Supervisor your dog with any new toy to be sure it is safe for your dog