



PUPPY BITING

*A guide on how to
prevent, manage
and reduce puppy
biting*



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It's Totally Normal

It often comes as a bit of a shock to new puppy owners that rather than the cute ball of fluff they were expecting, they appear to have brought home a land shark complete with razor sharp teeth!

Those tiny, needle-like teeth (called deciduous or “baby” teeth) stick around until your pup starts losing them at around 13 weeks. By about 20 weeks (five months), they’ll have a full set of adult teeth. During this time, all puppies bite and mouth during play—some more than others—but how we handle it now will shape their future behavior.



Under 20 Weeks...

This guide is for young puppies still in their teething phase (11–20 weeks old). If your dog is older than 20 weeks and still mouthing or biting, it's time to seek help from an Animal Training & Behaviour Council accredited trainer.

THE GOLDEN RULE



No Teeth On People, Ever!

So, what SHOULD YOU DO?

01

Stay calm

As much as it might hurt, remain calm. That means no shouting, squealing, pushing your pup - in fact, we want no reaction at all. Any reaction can actually make things worse.



02

Do one of these

- ✓ **Take your hands away** – Stop all interaction immediately.
- ✓ **Offer a toy instead** – Redirect their energy to something appropriate to chew on.
- ✓ **Do some training** – Try a quick focus game, so you can reward a behaviour you like.
- ✓ **End the play session** – No more fun if they use their teeth.
- ✓ **Remove yourself** – Walk away, leaving them with nothing to bite.
- ✓ **Give your pup a break** – If they're overstimulated or tired, pop them behind a baby gate or into their crate for a nap.

03

Be patient

Puppy biting won't stop overnight. It usually fades within two to three weeks if you're consistent. Your pup will start to realise that biting doesn't get them attention or a reaction.



Still Having Trouble?

Most puppies figure things out with time, but if your pup is getting more excited, bitey, and snappy instead of less, consider:



A diet change

Some foods don't suit every puppy.
Discuss options with your vet



More sleep

Many pups bite more when overtired



A vet check

Just to rule out any underlying issues

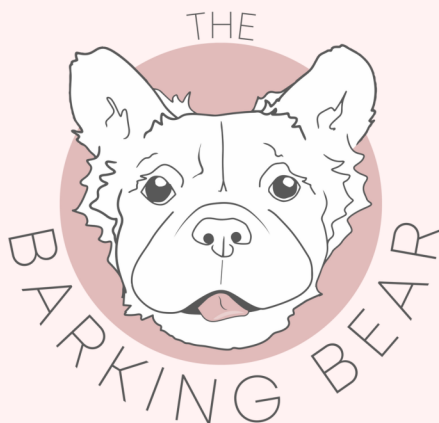


Professional help

A one-on-one session with an accredited, reward-based trainer can work wonders.
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