## **Approved Toys for Guide Dog Pups**

Due to both health and behavioural concerns, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT no longer permits our pups to use soft toys.

There have been a number of pups that have had obstructions due to ingesting inappropriate toy parts, some even resulting in surgery. In addition to this health concern, some pups that have been placed as Guide Dogs have had difficulty distinguishing between what is a dog toy, a child's toy, or someone's fluffy slipper.

To address these concerns, please remove any plush toys, and other items that resemble children's toys from your pup's toy box.

If you are uncertain about the appropriateness of a toy, please speak with your Puppy Development Advisor before giving the item to your pup.

Both play and Developing Good Chewing Habits are important aspects of puppyhood, so it is essential to provide suitable toys for your pup. To help with this, below is a list of suggested toys that are less likely to cause health and behavioural issues. Be mindful that even the toughest of toys can still falter, so you should be vigilant in regularly checking that all dog toys are in good condition.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in keeping our pups happy and healthy, and give them their best opportunity to be successful.

