



How to Reuse Household Products to Make Dog Toys

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One way to cut out dog toy expenses completely from your budget is to make them your own. You can literally reuse items that you have at home to make creative and fun dog toys that your pets can play with for hours. Here are a few great ways to make eco-friendly dog toys:

Ball on a Rope – If you are an avid tennis player and a dog lover, then you can combine these passions into one by making a ball on a rope. All you need to do is drill a hole in two ends of a tennis ball, stick a rope through the holes, and then tie a knot on both ends of the holes. This is a great toy for playing catch.

Sock Ball – Take an old pair of tube socks (washed in natural laundry detergent), drop a tennis ball or two into it and tie the end in a knot. This is another good toy for easy throwing.

Bobbing for Apples – If you happen to have a bucket, some water and an extra apple that you picked up from the farmer's market, how about making your dog a homemade apple bobbing tank! Fill a bucket about halfway with water, drop in the apple and watch your dog do its own version of bobbing for apples.

Washcloth Toy – This is a great toy for teething puppies. Take an old washcloth that has been washed, tie a knot in the middle of it and soak it in water. Ring the water out and then put the toy in the freezer for about an hour. When you give it to your dog you will see how soothing the cold cloth is on his gums, as well as how fun it is to play with.

Braided Toy – An old rope makes an excellent chew toy. All you have to do is to take 3 equal length pieces and braid them together, tying a knot on both ends. The dog will have a blast chewing it.

Rubber Toy – Do you have an old garden hose that you're not using anymore? If so, then cut the hose into small rings and reuse them as toys for your dog to play fetch. These make an excellent chew toy for teething pups, and they even float in water!

Duct Tape Ball – Take a wad of newspaper and wrap duct tape around it very tightly. This will last long, depending on the sharpness of your dog's teeth.

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