## **Approved Toys Policy**

Toys are an important part of developing our pups during their Puppy Raising period as they encourage thought, problem solving, and play. They also help to develop good chewing habits, i.e., on appropriate toys, not furniture, etc. Unfortunately, a number of our pups have ended up with obstructions due to ingesting parts or pieces of toys, some resulting in surgery, so it is essential to ensure that the toys given to our pups are deemed appropriate for their age and size.

Refer to your copy of the approved toy and enrichment booklet that has a list of toys that we deem to be appropriate for our pups, but please keep in mind that even the toughest of toys can be destroyed. All toys should be inspected regularly and any that are showing signs of damage or are getting too small for the pup as it grows should be removed and replaced.

Please also be aware that some toys should only be given when supervised, while others may be fine to leave with the pup with minimal or no supervision.

If you are unsure about the appropriateness of any toy please check with your Puppy Development Advisor before giving it to the pup.

