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Truth or Myth?

It is safe and natural for dogs to chew on bones.

Myth! The truth is, it is a dangerous practice and can cause serious injury to your pet. Some people think it is ok to give dogs large bones, but bones are unsafe no matter their size. We have seen a number of cases where dogs have been given bones as a treat, and some of them have a sad ending. Make sure you throw out bones from your own meals in a way that your dog cannot get to them, putting them up high out of your dog's reach, or taking the trash out right away.

10 Reasons Not to Give Your Dog a Bone

- 1. Broken teeth
- 2. Mouth or tongue injuries
- 3. Bone gets wrapped around dog's lower jaw
 - 4. Bone gets stuck in esophagus (throat)
 - 5. Bone gets stuck in windpipe

- 6. Bone gets stuck in stomach
- 7. Bone gets stuck in intestines
- 8. Constipation due to bone fragments
- 9. Severe bleeding from the rectum
- 10. Peritonitis (bacterial infection of the abdomen)

There are many alternatives to giving bones to your dogs that are bone-like and made with materials that are safe for them to chew. You must always supervise your dog with any chew product.

March 23 is National Puppy Day

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