

37 Hang purses, diaper bags, backpacks, and all other bags far out of your pup's reach

Our bags often contain a variety of substances and products that are toxic or otherwise hazardous to our dogs. Don't risk your pup's health and safety—or that of your bank account, either. Hanging your bag or purse from the back of a chair or from a doorknob typically isn't safe enough, and neither is dropping it on a sofa, table, or countertop. Getting in the habit of hanging all bags from wall hooks, coat racks, or behind closet doors is the best way to keep your pup truly safe. And don't forget to ensure that all babysitters, houseguests, and other visitors take the same simple precaution.



Bowser, a four-year-old Boxer, decided to help himself to the dirty diaper that was left in the diaper bag after his family's long day out at the park. The bag was left hanging from the back of the stroller—easy pickings for Bowser. Two days later, Bowser's energy level dropped, and he started vomiting. He was brought to the hospital, where a gelatinous mass of diaper

material blocking the passage of food from Bowser's stomach to his intestines was found at surgery. His little forage into the diaper bag not only created a big mess on the living room carpet, but it also cost the family more than \$3,000 in veterinary bills. Bowser recovered well and fully, and now his owners are careful to hang the diaper bag (and all others) on the wall hooks they promptly installed in their entry hallway.

