



Congratulations on your Monchball purchase!

Monchball Safe Operating Instructions

Chewing releases endorphins and makes dogs happy! If used correctly your Monchball can make it safer for your dog to be given Bully Sticks, Shark Skin, Himalayan Chews and other long lasting dried chew treats that many owners would otherwise choose not to use because they can be a choking hazard.

Your Monchball also makes a great handle to hold while your dog chews and bonds with you. Taking the last part of a treat away from your dog is easy when you can grab the Monchball rather than putting your fingers near their sharp teeth. Many dogs are also prone to trying to swallow a treat quickly rather than let it be taken away. Swallowing hard chew treats can cause intestinal blockages. Your Monchball will not completely remove the risk of your dog choking on a treat so supervision is essential. It is bite resistant but is not indestructible, chew proof or impossible to open for your dog if left unsupervised for long enough.

Do not use or let your dog access the Monchball until you have read and understood these safety instructions:

1. Open the Monchball by either squeezing the square buttons and pulling it apart (Original Monchball) **OR** inserting the key and screwing anti-clockwise until the two halves come apart (XL Monchball). The rope needs to be untied first.
2. Place a drilled treat on the pin and close the two halves.

Original Monchball: It will snap shut suddenly so ensure there is nothing between the two halves that could be pinched as you close it.

XL Monchball: Screw the key clockwise only until you feel light pressure. The key has been designed to break to prevent over-screwing (which will damage the thread).

3. Tie the rope tightly against the ball. Try to open the Monchball. If you can fully open it, the rope is not tied close enough to the ball. Tying the rope helps reduce the chances of your dog making the ball open by accident and makes the rope loop safe. It is not safe to leave it untied. The Monchball is more likely to open if a dog chews on the knot so supervise your dog when it has access to the ball and take it away and tie the knot again if it comes open.
4. Instead of tying the rope in a knot close to the ball, you can also use it to secure the ball around a chair or table leg but this needs particularly close supervision. Remember your dog may be able to pull/move a chair or even a heavy table.

XL Monchball: If you have an XL Monchball, remember that this ball is quite heavy. It should only be anchored on a soft surface to ensure it cannot damage to your floor, surrounding objects or the ball itself.

5. Always supervise your dog while it chews a long lasting treat in the Monchball. The Monchball is not indestructible and the larger/stronger and more aggressive/determined your dog is the more likely/faster it will open or damage the ball. The ball is not designed to be indestructible.
6. Never let your dog access the Monchball unless it is loaded with a treat and you are supervising. This helps teach your dog that only the treat is for chewing, not the Monchball. Take the Monchball away from your dog once there is only a stub of the treat left. Dispose of the stub. Remember that the last piece of a dried treat can not only cause choking but also intestinal blockage.
7. The Monchball is only for use with dried chew treats. Never load it with a wet treat. The Monchball is fused filament 3D printed and has ridges in the plastic. This type of 3D printed object is never food safe for humans (because it is impossible to completely clean the ridges), but they are fine for dogs if only dried treats are used and the Monchball is cleaned regularly.

It is made from PETG, the same plastic as most water bottles. PETG is safe for contact with food and has some impact resistance but you should not throw it and should try to limit exposure to impacts. Do not leave it in the sun for a long time or it will fade the colour. The Monchball is not a 'toy' for your dog to play with, it is a bite resistant long lasting treat holder that needs supervision.

8. To clean the Monchball, use only warm soapy water. Do not use any cleaning agent that leaves a residue (for example agar based alcohol gel should not be used because the agar will grow bacteria after the alcohol evaporates). The plastic can safely handle as much heat as your bare skin. It must not be put in a dishwasher because it will start softening at about 80 degrees celsius. Clean your Monchball with a brush under warm running water, do not submerge it in water. If submerged it will absorb water that may not drain out easily. Fused filament 3D printed objects are not waterproof.
9. A treat may disconnect from the Monchball pin if the treat is damaged. Supervising your dog while it has the Monchball is therefore essential. It is also possible your dog will break off parts of a treat large enough to choke on and the Monchball does not reduce this risk.
10. Your Monchball is covered by a 3 month replacement warranty that applies to manufacturing defects and use in accordance with these instructions. This does not cover unsupervised chewing, use of an inappropriate sized Monchball (using a small Monchball when you have a large dog) & use that does not comply with the above instructions. The Monchball has 6.8mm thick plastic on the outside of most of the front half tapering to 1.8mm thick plastic on the back half. If your dog is large and can fit the Monchball in its mouth it will be able to destroy it fairly quickly and if it gnaws on the plastic unsupervised every dog will eventually destroy it. The Monchball will get very dirty if it is used outside on the dirt and although it should be fine to keep using if you give it a clean, you may find it hard to clean it so it looks like new. If you don't want this to happen, only use it indoors.
11. Children should not be given access to the Monchball unless they can read and understand these instructions.

Happy Monch-ing!!!