



## Braided T-Shirt Bones

Making dog toys out of old t-shirts is a quick and easy way to recycle all those old Ts! Plus dogs love to play with them. As you make them you get your smell all over them and your dog will love that too! They can easily be washed, but be sure to rub them with your hands after washing them – to get your scent back on the toy.

For teething puppies, soak the bone in water and freeze them. Your puppy will love it! (but let your puppy play with it outside – because as the bone un-freezes it can make a big puddle!)

### Directions:

1. Cut the sleeves and collar out of the t-shirt. Leave shoulder seams intact.
2. Cut strips from the rest of the shirt.  
**Large Bone:** cut the strips about 1-1/2 to 2 inches wide. By leaving the shoulder seams intact you can cut very long strips. You need at least 9 strips for a large bone.  
**Small Bone:** cut the strips about 1" wide by 12" long. Use can also use the sleeves for a small bone. Cut at least 9 strips.
3. Arrange your cut strips in three sets of 3 to 4 strips in each set.
4. Hold all three sets together and tie one end in a knot and pull very tight.
5. Keeping the knot tight, separate the strips into their sets and braid the sets together.
6. Tie a knot in the finishing end and again pull very tight.
7. Play.

