

## Spritzing a Toy with Vanilla Extract

Using vanilla extract on toys can be a great way to add sensory enrichment for your pet pig. Pigs have a fantastic sense of smell, and introducing novel scents like vanilla can stimulate their curiosity and make playtime more enjoyable.

Here's why it works:

- **Olfactory Enrichment:** Vanilla extract provides olfactory enrichment, which stimulates a pig's mind through a sense of smell.
- **Curiosity and Exploration:** The appealing scent can encourage a pig to investigate and interact with the toy, preventing boredom.
- **Positive Association:** The sweet scent can create a positive association with the toy, making it more appealing for play.

How to do it safely:

- **Dilute:** Use a small amount of pure vanilla extract
- **Application:** Spritz a play ball or other food durable ball with the extract

By incorporating scent-based enrichment like vanilla extract, you can enhance your pet pig's environment and promote their overall well-being.

Important Considerations:

- **Alcohol Content:** Be mindful that vanilla extract contains alcohol. Use it sparingly to prevent potential harm if ingested.
- **Individual Preferences:** While many pigs enjoy vanilla, each pig has unique preferences. Observe your pig's reaction to determine if they enjoy the scent

**Alternative Scents:** If your pet pig doesn't like vanilla, experiment with other pig-safe scents like cinnamon, herbs, or strawberry

Resources:

Lollypop Farm- Keeping your Potbelly Pig Happy with Enrichment

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