

## **House Training Your Puppy**

Putting time into your puppy at the beginning of its life will pay big dividends in good behavior later. Get tons of information about puppies, potty training, house breaking, favorite treats and other tips.

Add one to your puppy's age in months to get the number of hours he should be able to wait before going potty. So a puppy that's two months old can wait about three hours; you'll need to take him to the \*Puppy Den at least once during the night.

To avoid accidents while housebreaking, pay attention to how your puppy signals he needs to go out. Signs may include sniffing or scratching at the ground or door, pacing, or whining. Once you're keyed in to these behaviors, you can extend the periods between bathroom breaks

Take puppy to the designated Puppy Den area. Always use the same route to get there and don't let him out on his own. You want to be sure he goes in the same place every time and that you're there to give praise.

Repeat a housebreaking command as he starts to go. When it looks like your puppy is about to go, softly repeat a command like "Make on Wee Wee PAD". Don't stop repeating the command until puppy actually starts to go.

Switch to gentle praise quietly switch from the command to gentle praise once he starts to eliminate and continue to praise until he's done. It may take a few times for your puppy to be completely empty, particularly in the mornings. Wait until you're certain he's finished, then give him some hearty praise and head back to the house.

If this method is used consistently when housebreaking your puppy, you'll eventually be able to make him go on command.

How to deal with accidents, you should expect a few accidents during the housebreaking process. Whatever you do, do not punish your puppy! Don't rub his nose in the mess and don't discipline after he's already eliminated in the house because you think puppy knows what he did. This will only confuse and intimidate your puppy. Catching him in the act, clap your hands or slap the wall. Make any loud noise you can to interrupt the behavior. Then scoop your Maltese puppy up and take him outside to the soiling area. When he's done, praise him as usual.

For all other times - Clean up the mess and figure out where YOU went wrong in housebreaking puppy. Did you ignore the schedule, give him water late at night, or miss the signs that he needed to go out? If you can see where you failed your pup, you can be better prepared to help him succeed.

Clean up messes with ODOBAN designed for pet accidents. Never use household cleaners or those containing ammonia, which can't remove the odor. Your puppy may revisit the area if it's not properly cleaned.

Learning how to housebreak a puppy is a pretty simple task if you stay alert and stick to your schedule. With consistency and plenty of praise, your puppy will be housebroken in no time. Visit our dog house training tips to learn how to make the housebreaking process even easier.