

"HOUSE-TRAINING"

Daily ✓

This task can be easy! Simply don't set your expectations too high and be prepared for some accidents along the way.

DO:

- Stock a basket with baggies, paper towel and a spray bottle containing 1/3 vinegar and 2/3 water for quick cleanups.
- Designate an outdoor spot for your puppy to relieve himself. Make sure you can access it easily during the day and night.
- Carry your puppy out first thing in the morning so he doesn't dribble.
- Walk your puppy outdoors:
 - Immediately after eating;
 - Every 20 minutes when playing;
 - Every hour when he's quiet.
- Always accompany your puppy outside when he has to relieve himself. When your puppy does relieve himself, give plenty of praise, enough to make his tail wag! Overreacting with happiness and giving a treat is the greatest reward.
- Help your puppy through this phase in a patient and gentle manner.
- Remove the water bowl from your puppy at 8 pm to reduce his trips during the night.
- Bring him outdoors one last time before going to bed.
- Updating the Weekly Training Chart will keep you one step ahead of your puppy's bladder.

Remember to update your...
Weekly Training Chart!

DON'T:

- Punish your puppy for having accidents in the house.
- Smack your puppy or rub his nose in his business.
- Become angry or frustrated as this will only make him anxious.



The Next Level

On average, puppy will have to relieve himself:

 Every 2 hours at 8 weeks of age

 Every 4 hours at 12 weeks of age

 Every 6 hours at 16 weeks of age

When taking puppy outdoors to relieve himself, don't let him turn it into a play session. Give him 5 minutes, then return to the house and try again 15 minutes later. You'll be grateful you did this when it's 2 in the morning! You can use a cue, such as "hurry up" when you are outdoors with your puppy and in time, he will be conditioned to relieve himself upon hearing that cue.

Watch closely for the following signals that your puppy has to go and make sure to respond right away:

circling

squatting

licking himself

sudden whimpering at night

barking at you or the door

giving you or the door the 'look'

sniffing the floors

If you have to leave your puppy alone for long periods of time, it would be worth investing in an exercise pen that is large enough to contain his crate, a water bowl, a wee-wee pad and a little space for play. It is important to only use the wee-wee pads for those times when you are away otherwise, house-training will take longer. If you invest in an exercise pen, make sure he is comfortable in it before leaving him for extended periods of time. You may have to invest in one with a top if you have a climber on your hands.



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