



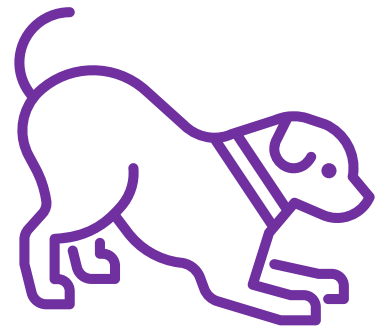
# Dog Training Tips



Setting clear boundaries and consistent routines from day one helps your dog understand expectations and develop good habits. These tips provide a structured approach to common daily activities - from potty breaks to mealtimes - that will help establish a strong foundation for your dog's training and integration into your home.

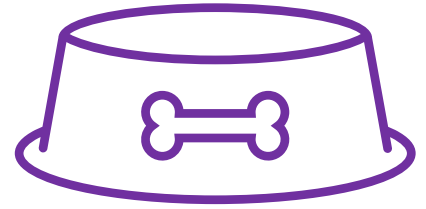
## Potty Training Tips

- **Door Etiquette:** Always allow humans to go through doorways first.
- **Command Before Exit:** Teach your dog to sit before entering or exiting the house.
- **Leash Familiarity:** Keep your dog on a leash indoors (except in the crate) to help manage their behavior and ease potty trips.
- **Bell Training:** Attach a bell to the door. Each time you take your dog out, have them sit, ring the bell, and then go outside. Reward them with praise when they ring the bell independently.
- **Elimination Cue:** Use a consistent phrase (e.g., "go potty") while your dog is eliminating, and praise them afterward.
- **Scent Association:** Leave a few droppings in the designated potty area to help your dog associate the area with elimination.
- **Monitoring Schedule:** Keep track of your dog's potty schedule. If it's been over an hour since their last bathroom break, be proactive.
- **Interrupting Accidents:** If you catch your dog in the act of having an accident, interrupt with a firm "no" and immediately take them outside to finish.
- **Ignore Crate Whining:** Don't respond to whining or barking in the crate unless you believe your dog needs to go out. Wait for a moment of silence before letting them out.



## Meal Time Tips

- **Pre-Meal Commands:** Have your dog sit and stay before feeding them.
- **No Pushy Behavior:** Discourage jumping or barking during food prep with a firm "no" and a "sit" command.
- **Training Opportunities:** Use mealtime to reinforce sit and stay. Your dog won't get their meal until they comply.
- **Desensitize to Touch:** While your dog eats, gently pet them to prevent food aggression and help them get used to being touched while eating.
- **Controlled Feeding:** After half of the meal, pick up the bowl. If your dog protests, calmly ignore it and reinforce the stay command.
- **Encourage Eye Contact:** Require your dog to make eye contact before receiving their meal, fostering communication and connection.



## General Training Tips

- **Consistency is Key:** Be consistent with commands and routines.
- **Positive Reinforcement:** Always reward good behavior with praise or treats.
- **Patience:** Training takes time; remain patient and persistent.
- **Socialization:** Expose your dog to various environments, people, and other animals to build confidence.
- **Short Sessions:** Keep training sessions brief and fun to maintain your dog's interest.

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