

PUPPY POTTY TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Get the Right Supplies

- **Crate** – just big enough for the puppy to stand, turn around, and lie down.
 - **Leash** – to guide your puppy outside.
 - **Training pads** (optional) – if you must potty train indoors at first.
 - **Enzymatic cleaner** – to remove accidents and odors.
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2. Establish a Potty Schedule

Take your puppy outside:

- **First thing in the morning**
- **After meals**
- **After naps**
- **After playtime**
- **Before bedtime**
- **Every 1–2 hours** for very young puppies (under 12 weeks)

 Puppies have tiny bladders! As a rule of thumb:

Puppy age in months = hours they can “hold it” (up to about 6 months).

3. Pick a Potty Spot

- Take your puppy to the **same spot outside every time** so they associate it with going potty.
 - Be patient and let them sniff — this helps trigger them to go.
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4. Use a Cue Word

- As soon as your puppy starts to go, softly say a phrase like:
 - “Go potty”
 - “Do your business”
 - Use the same phrase every time — they’ll learn to associate it.
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5. Reward Immediately

- **Praise enthusiastically** right after they finish — not before!
 - Give a **tiny treat** right at the potty spot.
This creates a positive connection: potty outside = reward.
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6. Supervise Indoors

- Keep your puppy **in sight at all times** or in a crate/playpen.
 - Watch for signs:
 - Sniffing the floor
 - Circling
 - Suddenly wandering off
 - Quickly take them outside if you see these signs.
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7. Handle Accidents Calmly

- Don’t punish your puppy — it can create fear and confusion.
 - Blot up messes, clean with an enzymatic cleaner to remove odor.
 - Review your schedule — accidents usually mean you waited too long.
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8. Use the Crate Wisely

- Puppies naturally avoid soiling where they sleep.
 - Put them in the crate when you can't supervise.
 - Take them straight outside when you let them out.
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9. Be Consistent

Consistency is the secret. Stick to:

- The **same schedule**
- The **same potty spot**
- The **same cue word**

With consistency, most puppies can be reliable within **4–8 weeks**.

10. Gradually Increase Freedom

Once your puppy goes several weeks without accidents:

- Slowly allow them more unsupervised time inside.
- Keep up the praise and schedule until potty training is fully reliable.



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