

TOILET TRAINING

Be realistic

For some puppies, toilet training may take MONTHS! Some puppies do toilet train quicker than others (just like human children)

Set a routine

Follow a strict routine. Take your puppy to the area you would like them to toilet on a regular basis. Depending on size and energy of the puppy, you may need to take them there every hour (when they are not asleep)

Spend time outside with them

Spend as much time as possible outside with them. If the only time you go outside is to encouraging toileting, the outdoor environment may be too novel and distract them

Supervise or contain

Supervision is the key! If you see any signs that your puppy needs to go to the toilet, take them outside immediately. If you can not supervise, contain them in a safe area where the floor can easily be cleaned.

Rethink puppy pads

Puppy pads can cause confusion for your puppy. They teach the puppy that sometimes you do want them to toilet inside. Your puppy may develop a surface preference for soft absorbent things like bedding and towels

Praise don't punish

Reward your puppy when they toilet where you want them to. Never punish! Punishing will not teach the puppy where is appropriate and may lead to them being scared to toilet in your presence.

Think about the environment

If it's cold, dark, noisy or overstimulating, your puppy may feel uncomfortable toileting in the area. Adjust the environment i.e at night, put the outdoors light on.

