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How to Prevent House Soiling

Even if your dog is and has been housetrained, they might eliminate in the home because of miscommunication in training, or reasons beyond their control. Determining the cause and then dealing with it in a patient manner is the **most effective way** to eliminate your dog's elimination problem.

Why Dogs House Soil

A young puppy might eliminate in the house due to not yet being fully housetrained or not being able to hold their bladder very well. Whereas a recently acquired adult dog that eliminates in the house may have never been fully housetrained and does not know the acceptable place in which to eliminate. If your dog has been reliable without a prior elimination problem suddenly shows up they may have a medical issue and need to be taken to your local vet. The older your dog gets the more likely they are to develop physical problems, one of the most common being incontinence. An exam by your vet is the best way to diagnose and treat the condition.

You cannot correct your dog for something they did wrong if "YOU DID NOT CATCH THEM IN THE ACT". If they have already eliminated in the house several times without being caught and corrected they may think it is ok to continue doing so. Even after a thorough cleaning the scent of the elimination may still be detectable to your dog's nose,

Unaltered males will often urinate as a marking behavior in adolescence and adulthood, or when a female is in season nearby. Some females will urinate as a marking behavior when they come into season, though not as common as the dogs marking behavior. Your dog also may have a form of Separation anxiety, submissiveness or even excitement.

Medical Causes

When a dog has a flawless housetraining record suddenly begins eliminating in the house, the first thing to do is rule out a medical problem, such as a urinary tract infection, bladder stones, among other conditions. These conditions are typically only temporary and will return to normal once the dog has fully recovered. Some medications like steroids or antibiotics will cause your dog to

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drink more and need to urinate more frequently. Your vet can advise you on other medication options that are available.

Marking Behaviors

If you do not plan to neuter or spay your dog you will need to retrain them to break the habit of marking inside the house. Use a shaker can or other noisy disruption to distract them. Then immediately take them outside to their designated elimination area. Reward them immediately when they eliminate in the correct area.

At Ward's Dog training we believe that a well-behaved & well-trained dog is a happy balanced dog and a better companion. Each dog and owner is unique that's why we use a variety of techniques, customizing your dog's training experience to suit their personality and your individual needs. Using our training techniques with consistency and patience your dog can still be your bundle of joy.

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