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PUPPY GUIDANCE SHEET

TOILET TRAINING

Toilet training a new puppy can be frustrating but with consistency and patience it can be achieved quickly and easily with as little stress as possible for you and your puppy by following a few simple steps.

Punishment will not work.

Punishing a puppy can result in him fearing you and damaging the bond between you and your dog.

He will also learn to 'not go' when you are near for fear of being punished or

yelled and only go when you are not around.

Personally I find paper training or using puppy pads ineffective as you are again teaching the puppy that going indoor is ok. Leaving you to re-train this behaviour as they get older to go outside only.

Consistently is the key.

Puppies and young dogs cannot go all day or night without having to empty their bladders so you must get into a routine and stick to this. Take your puppy out first thing in the morning and again straight after breakfast, then a few times throughout the day, evening, after dinner and again before bed. PRAISE them every single time they do the toilet when taken outside to let them know this is what they should do.

Observe your puppy as much as possible for signs that he needs to go outside. Sniffing and circling around tends to be a sign he needs to go, at this stage you should quickly lead him outside. Very quickly he will learn to move towards the door to 'ask' to go outside so making sure you watch for this behaviour is key!

Crate training your puppy is a great way to help with toilet training. (*see crate training sheet for advice on this) Dogs are den animals and love to have their own safe and CLEAN space. They will quickly learn their crate is their own den and will often start to go into them and stay there regardless of whether the door is locked. They also will not mess their own crate/ space so as and when you need to leave them alone, crates are the best place to leave.

Allowing them outside immediately before going into and coming out of their crate lets them 'go' outside without any accidents. With any form of training consistency and patience is key and ensuring all people within the puppies home environment are following the same rules in regards to his training.



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