



HOUSE-TRAINING YOUR DOG



Tips

- When you first get your puppy it is up to you to teach him to toilet in the correct place. Initially you should take him out every hour, he will soon learn.
- Praise and rewards play a strong part in house training.
- Accident will happen but you should not make a fuss about it and NEVER punish him. Thoroughly clean the area to remove and avoid embedded odours.
- Avoid him being left for long periods of time.
- Watch him and learn from him. You will soon see the signs that he needs to go out.
- He will develop a routine for toileting, learn this and always take him outside when he needs to go.

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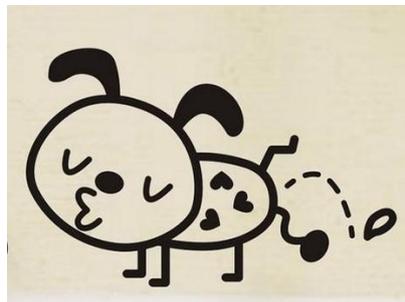
With most puppies and dogs housetraining can be achieved in around two weeks. This time can be very frustrating but, stick to these guidelines and housetraining can soon be achieved.

Your puppy or dog will learn quicker if:-

- He is taught the correct place to go is outside.
- He is given plenty of opportunities to go to the toilet.
- He is given praise and reward when he gets it right.
- He is never punished for his mistakes during training.

You shouldn't leave a dog that is being housetrained for long periods of time, however, on occasions where you have to leave him he should be in an area where you don't mind the odd "accident". In the day time you could use a crate or partition off an area of a room. At night time its best to use a crate. Never shut him away on his own, he is part of the family. His crate or area should be a place where he will feel safe. His bedding and water should be in his safe place, he should also be fed in this area. The area shouldn't be too big but big enough so he can be comfortable. The less space he has in his "safe place" the less likely he will want to use it for going to the toilet.

Get into a daily routine. First thing in the morning take him outside, once he has been to the toilet, and only when you are sure he has completely finished, make a fuss of him and give him lots of praise. He may need to have a wee and pooh so give him plenty of time to do both. Remember, praise and a treat, he will soon learn.



When he has finished take him back indoors. Provided you can give him your full attention, play with him and let him have the full run of the room. If you are not able to give him your full attention you should return him to his "safe place". You should take your dog out every hour whilst training, especially after meals and play times.

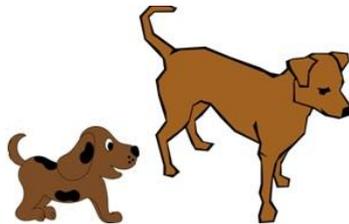
Each time he goes to the toilet make a note of what he does and times. From this record you should see a pattern forming. Once you know when he normally goes you shouldn't need to take him out every hour.

If you are training a puppy, at night time have his crate in your bedroom. If he needs to go to the toilet during the night he will probably wake you and you can take him outside. It's better to have disturbed sleep for a week or so than have prolonged training.

Whenever you aren't able to watch your dog put him in his safe place. Make sure he has a toy or something he can play with. He should not be kept in his safe place when not necessary or for long periods of time.

Remember, reward when he toilets in the correct place and ignore when he doesn't. He will soon get the idea and be able to enjoy an accident free life.

Young puppies can sometimes be drawn to certain surfaces they want to toilet on or some they don't like. Continued taking outside and praise will have the desired effect. If you already have a dog a young puppy will learn from the older dog. Or if you have a friend with an older dog perhaps they could visit, your puppy could learn from their dog but their dog must be fully vaccinated.



There are bound to be some accidents. These should be thoroughly cleaned using a detergent that does not contain ammonia as the dog will recognise the smell of ammonia as urine and will continue to use that area.

Remember do NOT punish accidents. He didn't do it on purpose, he is still learning. Punishment will confuse him and prolong the training period. If you tell him off he may become scared and start going to the toilet where you can't see him to avoid a telling off.

If your dog suffers with diarrhoea you may need to change his diet. Any concerns consult your vet. If your dog isn't housetrained within a few weeks and has continued accidents you may need to consult your vet to rule out any other problem.

