

House (Potty) Training Your Puppy

When you start training your puppy, be consistent and persistent in what you do and have patience.

Rules for successful house training your puppy

- Set up a feeding schedule for your puppy.
- No food or water after 8:00 p.m.
- Always take your puppy/dog outside through the same doorway and go to the area that you want them to relieve themselves. After they are trained, you may vary the location so that they will relieve themselves where you take them.
- Always use a word / praise for your puppy for relieving themselves outside, such as "Good Potty" each time that you see them relieving themselves outside. (Get excited.)
- Always take your puppy / dog outside:
 - o when they wake up
 - o 10 to 15 minutes after they eat
 - o when you see them circling and sniffing the floor / rug during playtime
- Leave them out for 15 minutes to 45 minutes at a time.
- Do not leave an untrained puppy / dog loose in the house. If you can not watch them, keep them confined in a warm comfortable crate or out in an area where you can clean up the accident if it should happed. Do not use any ammonia type cleaner to clean up the accident as this will only reinforce the urine odor.
- Never stick/rub their nose in their mess or yell at them. This will only crate more problems later. Rubbing their nose in their mess may imprint to your puppy / dog that this is the area you want them to go. Yelling at them might deter them from going (relieving themselves) in your presence. This may create a habit where they will hide from you when they need to go and you will find it later in a hidden area.
- Never let you puppy / dog see you cleaning up their mess, the problem you may create is they may start eating their waste. Your puppy / dog can not cleanup and the only way they can cleanup is to eat it.