

PUPPY TOILET TRAINING TIPS



Positive reinforcement is the most powerful tool for quick learning. Food, treats and praise are essential because they are highly motivating.



Start as soon as your puppy arrives. Build good habits from Day One.



A crate, or small confined space can be very helpful to make sure your puppy doesn't have accidents especially when direct supervision is not available.



Know your puppy's toileting schedule. Bring your puppy to the toilet every 2 hours, or just before you expect your puppy needs to potty.



Most puppies gain good potty control by 12 weeks of age. Some learn faster and some are slower. Accidents can happen as they are young and learning. Be patient and kind, and never punish your puppy!

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Setting Expectations

- My puppy is young and still learning. I need to be patient and let them practice often.
- Accidents can happen and it is not their fault, because they do not naturally understand:
 - That toileting inside the house is not allowed.
 - That they should communicate with their human when they need to use the bathroom outside
- Because of physical and neurological limitations, good control of the bladder may not happen until 12 weeks of age.
- Poor communication (inconsistency, punishment etc) on your part can slow down the learning.



Pro tips

- The most effective method of teaching your puppy is to provide them with immediate positive reinforcement when they perform a desired behaviour. That is, in this case, is to eliminate in the designated toileting area.
- Wait until they are done eliminating, then offer the rewards.

A reward can be:



Verbally praise to your puppy in a way that they find rewarding, use happy and calm body language when praising them.



Gently pet your puppy, avoiding petting them in a way that causes excessive excitement, use slow and deep petting.



Give them the daily rations/food in a calm way.

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About consistency

It includes the location of the toilet, the physical appearance of the toilet, the vocabulary you chose, and the body gesture associated with the word. Any variations from the initial signals can be confusing to your puppy. Keep them consistent.

How often does puppy need to go?

Roughly 6-8 times during the day, depends on their diet, level of physical activities and habits.

Signs you puppy may need to go

1. They have eaten within the last 30 minutes
2. They have played actively for more than 15-20 minutes
3. They have drunk water within the last hour
4. They had a very active day with increased water intake
5. They just woke up from a nap
6. They had a fun and rewarding training session within the last 30 minutes
7. They appear to be overly distracted and sniffing the ground
8. They seem to be heading towards the door or the most frequently used exit
9. They have experienced something exciting in the last 30 minutes, such as visitors, playing with other dogs, or interacting with children
10. A change in diet can also increase their need to eliminate

Before you start, I want you to sign a contract with your puppy:

I do not use force or any form of punishment when teaching my puppy in any circumstances.

Your beloved puppy



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Day

Morning

Puppy gave me signal Y / N Correct location Y / N Reward immediately Y / N Comments: If it was an accident, what did I miss?
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Evening

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