

Housetraining Puppy

Establishing good habits early on in housetraining Puppy is critical. A truly housetrained dog will hardly ever eliminate in your house unless forced to do so or because of illness or excessively long confinement. Don't expect Puppy to be reliably housetrained until at least 6 months old.

Puppy Housetraining Do's

Provide constant access to the toilet area. About every 45 minutes at first.

If someone is not at home during the day, provide Puppy with a small room (bathroom or utility room) and line the floors with paper. **MAKE SURE PUPPY CANNOT GET INTO THE CABINETS.** If the weather is nice, the area safe, etc, you can confine Puppy to a small pen outside. Don't leave Puppy out in the sun, wind, heat or cold. Be sure to provide shelter and water in the confinement area. It's ideal if the pen is set up on dirt, grass, gravel or concrete. The idea is that no matter where Puppy eliminates while confined, it is on something that resembles the toilet area. Your goal is to never allow Puppy to eliminate on carpet, tile, hardwood, or anything that resembles the flooring in your home. Once a habit is established, it is difficult to break, therefore, do not let Puppy form bad habits in the first place.

Praise and reward Puppy each and every time possible for eliminating in the toilet area. Too many people simply let Puppy out until the business is done, then let Puppy back in without making it a positive experience.

Feed Puppy at regular times. What goes in on schedule will come out on schedule.

Use a Veri Kennel Carrier to help Puppy develop self control. Confine Puppy for gradually increasing periods of time when you are home to monitor him/her.

Be patient. It can take until Puppy is 6 months old to become fully housetrained.

Puppy Housetraining Don'ts

Do not reprimand Puppy for mistakes. It has been proven time and time again this does not help housetraining. If your child wet the bed, would you rub his/her nose in it? Reprimand has no place in housetraining.

Do not allow Puppy to eliminate anywhere other than the toilet area. If Puppy does, clean it with an odor eliminator such as Lysol.

Do not give Puppy free unattended run of your house during the training period.