

House Training Your New Puppy



Success in potty training your puppy requires time management and the use of a few tools, those being supervision, a crate, a long term confinement area and a schedule. The following pointers can help your training to be a success and can help you establish a strong bond with your puppy early on:

- **Do not use punishment as a tool for training** – this will send the message to your puppy to hide in your house when eliminating and will damage the relationship between you and your puppy
- **Reward your puppy for going in the right spot** – you will need to be responsible for having your puppy in the right spot at the right time; accomplish this by taking your puppy out after sleeping, playing and 15-30 minutes after eating
- **Crate train your puppy** – only leave your puppy in the crate for short periods of time with favorite toys and a bed
- **Always supervise your puppy** – keep the puppy on a leash when out with you in the house and take outside periodically (puppies typically need to go out every two hours at two months, every three hours at three months, etc. up to nine months when they should be able to hold elimination for ten to eleven hours)
- **Keep your puppy on a schedule** – set water down for 15 minutes five to six times per day and food down for 15 minutes three times per day; this will help reinforce a schedule and will make elimination more predictable for you
- **Use long term confinement for extended absences** – have an area for the times you will not be with your puppy all day; cover the area with paper and allow your puppy to eliminate on the paper until he/she is able to hold elimination for longer periods of time