



Potty Training your Puppy

What dogs instinctively know is to keep their eating and sleeping area clean so use this to your advantage.

Your first job when housebreaking your new dog is to establish a consistent schedule. Dogs are creatures of routine and habit. A consistent schedule will help your dog become house broken by providing a predictable routine.

For puppies under 3 months the schedule is all about observation. Your puppy doesn't have the physical ability to hold it at this age.

When your puppy has "TO GO", THEY HAVE GOT TO GO!

NO time to put shoes or a coat on!

Try not to give your puppy even a moment to make a mistake. -- Your puppy has to be constantly supervised.

Assume that anytime your puppy stops doing anything -- eating, sleeping, playing, and chewing -- **they will have to pee within minutes, if not sooner. –**

Pay close attention so you can recognize the signs that tell you they're getting ready to go. (Examples are; sniffing the floor, circling, pacing, whining, staring at you or sneezing.)

As soon as you notice this ask your puppy
"do you have to do it?"

Carry or escort your puppy to the door, repeat "go do it?"

Take them to the potty area every time and **praise and reward your puppy** for going in the right place.

They may forget why your puppy is there so keep them on a leash but don't take them for a walk.

Stay where you want them to eliminate and wait.

Be as boring as you can, they may want to play so ignore their attempts to play and explore, just wait and watch for up to ten minutes.

If and when your puppy goes have lots of praise, smiles and a few treats never hurt. If they don't "do it" watch them closely and try again in 20 minutes or so.

Your puppies crate can be a wonderful babysitter for short periods.

However, you don't want them to start using it as a toilet.

Never use a crate as punishment for bad behavior, a crate is her den and safe place!