

-Royally Potty Training Your Puppy

First of all, remember that your puppy is just that - a puppy (no matter what size puppy you have). Every puppy is different in so many ways!

Second, you will need to have a lot of patience and time. Praise is also important as you work with your puppy.

Finally, you are going to want to crate train along with potty training. This aids in helping your puppy to adjust to its new environment and goes well together.

POTTY TRAINING.....

These are some of the most commonly asked questions.

How do I begin potty training my puppy?

What should I do first?

How do I make a connection with my puppy?

How long will it take for my puppy to grasp an understanding?

Puppies raised with a litter are usually taught by their mother to go potty away from their bed. The longer they stay with mother, the quicker they grasp the transition.

Puppies raised with litter mates for a longer period of time will also learn basic behavioral and socialization skills.

Dogs, by nature, keep their sleeping area clean. Potty training does not go by how old the puppy is, but by how mature it is.

Crate training associated with potty training will help your puppy adjust to daily “normal” routines.

Our best rule of thumb for any owner is to take your puppy outside:

- Early in the Morning.
- Right before going to bed in their crate at night.
- When they wake up from a nap.
- After they play for 10 to 15 minutes.
- After they eat or drink.
- When you notice them looking around bored.

If you schedule your puppy’s feeding time, so that he/she has a consistent time to eat, this will help regulate when it’s time to go potty.

Observe your puppy and take time to work with him/her. If you don’t have time to invest, your puppy will ruthlessly take over.

Tip: Hang a low set of bells around your doors. If you don’t have any, go to your nearest craft section and put a few small craft bells on a shoe string and hang them low enough on your door for your puppy to touch with his/her nose to it. This will come in handy later, I promise.

When it is time to take your puppy outside to go potty, go outside with your puppy. **This is very important!** If you don't go outside with your puppy, how will you know your puppy went potty and didn't just play in the yard? (At this time when you take your puppy outside ring the bells as you open the door to bring your pup outside.)

Take your puppy to the same spot/area each time. Your puppy at 8 to 14 weeks has a very small bladder and bowel. You will feel that you are taking your puppy outside a lot. (Each time you take your puppy outside; don't forget to ring your bells hanging from your door knob.) By taking him/her out frequently, you are allowing your puppy to learn quickly.

As your puppy goes potty, praise him/her and give him/her a treat or play for a short time afterward. Soon he/she will associate the praise, treat, and play with going potty. (Your puppy should soon start to associate the bells with every time he/she wants to go outside.)

Tip: Keep in mind, every time you go to pick up your puppy, or to lead him/her outside, in a happy calm voice remind them in a question. "Want to go potty, Go Outside?" Something of the like will help them understand where we are taking them and encourage them to be consistent of outside elimination practices.

To prevent mistakes, closely supervise your puppy. It's your responsibility to make sure that the puppy gets outside to go potty. Young pups will eventually have an "accident".

The mother dog while raising her young will teach them with a small scold growl noise. Soon, they learn to respect her teaching and understand. That is why when we correct our puppy we use a deep voice letting them know something is wrong and the behavior must be corrected.

When your puppy has an "accident", bringing the puppy over to the area gently showing them where it's at and in a deep voice telling them bad/no, and then quickly carry them outside. Put their poop outside in the area you wish for them to accommodate "going potty". This will help them to associate the "good" area to go.

Cleanup the soiled area well with a cleaner that removes the odor. If a smell lingers, he/she may try relieving himself/herself there again. If you praise your puppy when he/she does go potty outside, soon he/she will associate praise and reward for going potty outside.

If you have any further questions on this topic, please do not hesitate to ask us, we would be glad to help you in any way we can. The information above is a basic start to get you going on the right path with your new family member. Every puppy and dog is not the same and some might take longer than others to grasp a good understanding.

Best regards to you and your new puppy and your endeavor to train your puppy well.

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