

## HOUSETRAINING

### *Puppy Training Tips*



1. Pop your pup in an indoor kennel when unable to monitor the pup 100% of the time.
2. Take the puppy to the same desired outdoor area immediately on awakening, after playing or after any food.
3. Take puppy out every 1 - 2 hours slowly lengthening the time
4. Restrict the puppy's access to certain areas in and outside – the bigger the area the more opportunities
5. Maintain regular feeding times.
6. Do not allow play outside until the puppy has toileted - allow play and interaction after toileting
7. Permit controlled sniffing outside
8. Reward the puppy after toileting outside
9. Reinforce scent (older dogs, faeces in correct area)
10. Use vocal commands and no other interaction until the pup does it. Make sure that your last command coincides with a squatting event, then reward
11. Be patient
12. Use odour eliminators and appropriate cleaning products indoors
13. Finally, if you want your dog to start to learn to toilet on command, give the command. If you see the puppy start to squat, startle it, e.g. clapping of hands, the objective is not to frighten but merely interrupt the behaviour and lift the pup quickly and take it outside, praising the pup when it 'performs' outdoors.
14. Under no circumstance should you hit, shake or rub the pup's nose in its urine.

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