

Living with Dogs

House Training Log

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Tips for House Training

- 1) Keep a house training log and review it to adjust puppy's schedule.
- 2) When you are at home to supervise, your puppy/dog must be kept on a leash, attached to you or tied to a solid object. The puppy may also be crated or outdoors when you are home.
- 3) When not home, keep crated, penned or confined in a small area.
- 4) For the first week or two have someone come in and let the dog out to potty every 4 hours (every hour or two for puppies up to four months old)
- 5) Remember to keep your puppy/dog on a regular feeding schedule.
- 6) Take puppy outside after naps, meals and play time.
- 7) Consistently use a clicker and the same cheerful cue words like "Hurry Up!" Or Get Busy! every time the puppy goes out.
- 8) When using a relief area, remember, same door, same path, stay focused, no playing.
- 9) Everyone involved in the house training process should use the same area and the same words.
- 10) Be patient. Give puppy enough time. Give him at least 10 minutes before going inside.
- 11) Always praise puppy for doing it in the appropriate place, do not punish puppies. They do not have the muscle control that adults have and they are not doing it on purpose.
- 12) Learn to recognize your dog's signals that he needs to go out. For example, many dogs will sniff the floor and walk in circles when they need to go.
- 13) Your puppy or dog cannot be expected to be reliable if he has diarrhea. Loose, liquidy or mucousy stools will hinder any housetraining success.
- 14) If your puppy is going to be an indoor pet, we recommend paper or litter training. Place layered newspaper in the corner away from food and water dishes. After meals take the puppy to the newspaper. Each time the puppy eliminates, praise the pup then change the top layer of newspaper and leave the bottom layer.

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