



International Dog School

PUPPY TOILET TRAINING TIPS

Toilet training your pup requires patience and consistency. Always remember that these are our rules not there's as to where they can and cant go.

Also dogs learn in the very moment of a behaviour. So if you come home and pup has toileted somewhere inside and you go mad – the ONLY thing you have taught your pup is to be scared of you when you come home. You must catch them in the act to be able to make a difference.

These are times when pup should be put outside either alone or with you supervising.

1. As soon as wakes up
2. Before going to bed
3. After eating
4. After sleeping in the daytime
5. After lots of playtime
6. When you get home from being out together
7. When you catch them sniffing

If you are outside with them and they go, make a big deal of this and give praise and a treat, they will learn much quicker this way. If you have a certain spot you wish them to use, always take them there and just wait and wait. Once they start to toilet you can add a word for it eg toilet or whatever word you choose.

If you have pup inside with you, be aware of where they are at all times. A quiet or disappearing pup is usually up to mischief or going to toilet.

If pup has started going in a spot inside that's not allowed, then feed and leave fresh water in bowl in that place. Pups will not go where they are fed.

When cleaning up little accidents, do not use normal cleaners as they have ammonia in them which actually encourages dogs to re-use that spot. White vinegar mixed with water or eucalyptus oil with water in a spray bottle will do the trick.

Another thing to do is mop up urine with a sponge and place that outside where you want pup to go. You can also move their poop into areas you want, instead of throwing in garbage.

From 8 weeks of age, you are in charge of preventing accidents in the home. These days we have learnt that punishment for mistakes is no longer considered either necessary or helpful. As stated earlier, delayed punishment is cruel and simply does not work.

When pup needs to be left alone for short periods of time, make sure its in a small confined room like bathroom or laundry with tiles, easy to mop.

Place mat, and water bowl at one end and a small toilet area (pup pads or piece of turf) at other end. Some chew toys to keep occupied also helps.

Make sure you've pup proofed this room by removing any objects they should not encounter eg electric cords, waste baskets, rugs and cleaners.

Never confine a pup for more than an hour at a time (except at night) whilst sleeping.

Enjoy them, they grow so very quickly and want nothing more than your approval and love, so therefor they are very eager to learn.