



House Training your Puppy

Puppies are unable to control their urges to toilet until they reach a certain stage of development. The age that a puppy reaches this development varies between individuals. It is fairer to assume your puppy can not help it rather than that they are doing it on purpose. Therefore you should ensure that your puppy is taken out at regular intervals to be given the chance to toilet.

Puppies are best trained to toilet in the garden in an appropriate place. This is best done by taking the puppy to the appropriate place and praising them when they toilet.

When should a puppy toilet?

Take your puppy out at least every 2 hours to allow them chance to toilet. A puppy is most likely to want to toilet at the following times

- After waking
- After being on their own
- After eating or drinking
- After playing
- After any excitement
- Before settling to rest

Also watch for signs of circling, restlessness or sniffing that may indicate they want to toilet.

How should I stop a puppy toileting elsewhere?

If a puppy starts to toilet inside, distract them and take them to the appropriate place; then reward the puppy when they go in the correct place.

Never punish your puppy for toileting in the wrong place. If your going out for short periods you can put your puppy in an indoor kennel, as they will be less likely to toilet in a confined area.

Clean any accidents with a biological product, as this digests the odour instead of hiding it. Biological powder or liquid should be diluted 1:10 with hot water. It can be very effective to follow this with a wipe of surgical spirit but always test on an unseen patch of carpet first.

If toilet training is kept a positive experience your puppy is likely to progress quickly and be clean lifelong. If you are struggling with your puppy's toileting please contact us, we are happy to help!

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