

House Training Tips

1. Always take your new puppy to the same area outside; he will train a lot faster because he will know what is expected of him. When your new puppy has an accident on the floor, soak it up with a paper towel, then take the paper towel outside. Place a rock on top of the paper towel so the wind doesn't blow it away. If your puppy poops on the floor, take the poop outside by the rock also. (If your puppy is a male you might want to put the paper towel by a tree.)
2. You need to take your new puppy outside often! Puppies cannot wait long periods of time between visits outside. They have to go more frequently after eating – every 10-15 minutes. Give him lots of praise when he goes. It is also helpful to say a particular word to him, so he gets used to going “on command.” Tip: If you hang a bell on the doorknob and let him “ring” it with his paw, he'll eventually get “bell trained” and tell you when he has to go out.
3. If your puppy does not go to the bathroom when you take him outside, put him in his crate (or hold him) instead of letting him run around the house. Give him about 15-20 minutes and then take him outside to try again. If he goes, it is usually safe to let him have some freedom in the house for a little while.
4. Your puppy will be crate trained when you get him, but in order to keep him from soiling his crate at night, you should take his food away by 5:00 p.m. Also limit his water in the evenings. Take your puppy to the bathroom just before you retire for the night, and let him out first thing in the morning. It may take him several nights to get adjusted to his new surroundings; be patient...he will adjust with time.
5. Check some books and videos out from your library...there is lots of information that will help you train your puppy. Provide your puppy with **exercise, discipline and affection!**