



# House Training for dogs...

## Time and patience

Teaching your dog a time and place to relieve itself is relatively easy.

It does demand regular and sustained effort from you in the first few days of the schooling.

Most dogs will understand what is asked of them in a few weeks with consistent schooling.

If you do have problems teaching your dog, there may be a medical problem and you should visit your Vet for advice.

As with all our schooling methods, the principal is to reward the correct behaviour and ignore all others.

We don't recommend or condone the use of cages or other confining or punitive aids to house training.

## Starting out

From the start you should encourage your dog to use a specific area. Initial 'paper training' will only give you an extra lesson to teach them later. They may also develop a habit of urinating on any newspaper!

A good, healthy, regular diet means that your dog should need the loo at roughly the same time each day, usually just after they have eaten.

Remember your dog needs to urinate at shorter intervals.

Puppies need to urinate more often than older dogs, so make sure they are allowed out for a wee at least once an hour. Especially during the first six months. After that, they normally need to go around 4 times a day.

If you see any irregular signs, such as going too little or too often, blood, diarrhoea or straining, please see a vet.

## After meals

Begin after meals by taking your dog outside for 2 minutes or so, if they don't go then take them back inside. try again at 10 minute intervals.

Keep an eye on them during the ten minutes indoors. As soon as they show signs of wanting to go, take them straight outside

As soon as they have been, reward them with a really tasty treat and plenty of overboard praise.

You need to prepare and be ready with your reward, as 30 seconds later is too late.

If you associate a word of command such as 'Busy' while your dog is going, it is possible to get them to relieve on command - assuming they need to!!

## Mistakes will happen

Over the first few weeks you will have mistakes, before the teaching is 100%.

When mistakes happen, simply show that you are disappointed in them by cleaning up the mess in silence, while ignoring them.

Use non ammonia based cleaning products, because a puppy may mistake the ammonia smell for a latrine area.

## Do not punish

Please do not punish them, they won't understand what is wrong. Punishment is far more likely to cause house training problems than solve them.

Make sure you take them out first thing in the morning and last thing at night, again praising & rewarding after they have relieved themselves.

If you do have difficulty with this method do not hesitate to visit your Vet as your dog may have a medical problem.