

HOUSE TRAINING



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*Human & Dog
Friendly Training &
Behavior Modification*

**WANT YOUR DOG TO KNOW HOW?
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SET YOUR DOG UP TO SUCCEED

Use a crate and/or a confinement area (pet proof gates) so as to not allow opportunities for accidents. If with dog you can use a tether/leash attached to you to allow for close supervision.

- f Crate-training exploits a dog's or puppy's instinct to keep his bed clean. With puppies crate training helps gradually tone up his flabby little puppy muscles.
- f Remember that puppy muscles are weaker – smaller bladder, frequent meals = much more frequent elimination.
- f Provide extra opportunities to eliminate outside:
 - f First thing in the morning
 - f After eating
 - f Every hour (You can lengthen this time if, for example, your dog is reliable up to 4 hours, you can go out 2-3 hours) Young puppies (8 – 10W) usually need to go out every hour at least
 - f After waking from a nap
- f If dog doesn't eliminate on any particular outing, crate him with a chew toy to avoid an accident and try again in 30 minutes
- f Last thing before bed
- f Accompany dog to eliminate – go with him rather than sending him so that:
 1. you know whether he's gone or not
 2. you can reward at the right instant – praise and small food treats just as he finishes. Throw a puppy party!
- f Go to the same spot to make it easier, or at least the same kind of surface.
- f Praise and reward all outdoor elimination. Praise and reward every time he gets it right.

- f Interrupt him (“Ah! Ah! Let’s go outside!”) at the start of any mistakes indoors, then hustle him outside to finish. If he finishes outside, praise and reward this.



Note: interrupt, not punish.

Punishment is not a good idea in early relationship with a new dog, and of dubious value at any time. More importantly, if the dog makes a mistake unsupervised, never, ever punish – there is zero connection to the act that happened many dozens, hundreds or even thousands of behaviors ago.

- f Clean all accidents thoroughly with an enzymatic cleanser (e.g. Anti-Icky Poo)
- f After two or three weeks with no accidents whatsoever, add one extra room of house and supervise closely. If puppy successful, add more room every two or three weeks
- f Gradually extend the duration between outings – add one half hour every few days. If your dog starts having accidents, back off and do more frequent outings for a couple of weeks, then try again
- f It is reasonable to expect an adult dog to hold on 4 – 5 hours max. Of course, many dogs can hold on longer but is it humane to make them?

WARNING: Do not leave a puppy in crate too long as this will force him to soil it and may result in a ruining of his tendency to want to keep it clean

Crate duration rules of thumb (very general guidelines)

8 – 10 week old puppies: one hour at a time in crate max

11 - 12 week old puppies: two hours at a time in crate max

13-16 week old puppies: three hours at a time in crate max

17 - 20+ week old puppies: four hours at a time in crate max

Your dog is considered housetrained once there have been no accidents for two months.

CRATE AND CONFINEMENT TRAINING

Crate and Confinement Training Pointers

Crate-training exploits dog's instinct to keep his bed clean – gradually tones up his flabby little muscles **WARNING:** Do not leave dog in crate too long as this will force him to soil it and may result in a ruining of his tendency to want to keep it clean

- f Begin crate training right away – first day home
 - f Practice with your dog going in for small, tasty food treats
1. When your dog is comfortable going in, practice waiting a few seconds inside before getting treat – then practice closing door
 2. Gradually extend time in crate to 10 minutes with door open and closed
 3. Put crate next to sofa, rent video and keep your dog in crate next to you while he works on stuffed Kongs and other chewies (pig's ears, rawhides etc.)
 4. Put your dog in crate for 30 minutes with chewies while you're home going about routine business – visit your dog at crate every 5 – 10 minutes to reassure
 5. Start leaving your dog alone in crate – the first few times you do this, he should be tired (just exercised), the time should be short (15-30 minutes) and he should have a good chewie
 6. Get your dog out to eliminate as soon as you come home after an absence..



LONG TERM CONFINEMENT

You can buy most of this equipment at Pet Food Express and many other pet stores.

- f Use a long-term confinement area for times that are longer than the puppy can hold in the crate
- f Kitchen is ideal confinement area – not too large, high traffic, easy-to-clean floor.
- f Confine with pet-proof gates or X-pen – newspaper or pee pad at one end; bed, food, water, toys at other



RECOMMENDED ENZYMATIC CLEANERS

If there has been house soiling going on for a while you will need to purchase a black light to find the areas that need cleaning. Urine stains show up under black light.

If you are having your rugs cleaned professionally, make sure the cleaner is aware that you need help with house soiling.

Anti-Icky-Poo Cleaning Solution

Anti-Icky-Poo is one of the best products available today to remove pet stains and odor from carpet fabric and other surfaces. Removes stains and odor caused by urine (great for cat urine too), feces, skunk spray, vomit and more.



- f In use for over 15 years. The ingredients are safe and biodegradable.
- f Anti-Icky-Poo's friendly microbe enzymes quickly eat away the source of odor and eliminates the problem from returning.
- f Anti-Icky-Poo enzymatic cleaner will remove pet odors and pet stains from most materials such as carpet, fabric, upholstery, tile, wood floors, stainless steel, linoleum. The sooner you can get Anti-Icky-Poo on the job, the better. However, Anti-Icky-Poo has been known to eliminating the pet odors from problems even several years old.

Nature's Miracle

Nature's Miracle is another good enzymatic cleaner and is usually easier to find than Anti-Icky-Poo. It can be found in most pet stores.



Questions?

*Not sure what's right
for you and your dog?*

Contact me!

I'm always happy to talk dog!

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