



POTTY TRAINING PRIMER



Starting out with good potty training habits helps set you up to be more successful with teaching your new pup when and where to go!

Take your puppy out:

- As soon as they wake up
- 10 mins after eating or drinking
- 5-10 minutes after playtime or training
- If you notice them circling, sniffing, whimpering, or waiting by the door
- Before you leave the house

When you take your puppy to their bathroom spot, stand quietly and wait for your puppy to potty. Praise and feed a treat as soon as they finish! If they don't go within 5 minutes, go inside and supervise them for 10 minutes, then try again.

The general rule is that a puppy can hold it for a maximum of as many hours as they are months old plus one - for example, a three month old puppy should not be expected to hold it for more than four hours **maximum!**

Prevent accidents inside by supervising your puppy indoors. Use a crate or safe confinement zone when you are not able to supervise, such as when you are out of the house or busy with work or household activities.



If your puppy has an accident indoors don't scold them - remember, they're still learning! Punishing puppies for accidents can just make them afraid to go in front of you, and they may start going to the bathroom in secret places indoors. Calmly clean up accidents if they happen, take your puppy out more frequently, and make sure to reward them when they potty outside!