



Potty Training

Congratulations on your new puppy! Welcoming a puppy into your family is a lot of fun, but it can also be a lot of work especially if potty training isn't going well! Don't fret, with a good schedule and solid training plan you and your puppy will be well on your way to becoming potty trained.

Do's:

- Set up a puppy proof area in your home where you can put your puppy when you are unable to supervise them. Exercise pens are great for this.
- Set up a schedule and stick to it! Every 30 minutes (1 week) then bump to 45 minutes (1 week), etc.
- Go with your puppy to potty. Keep them on leash, stand in one spot and be boring. When your puppy finishes eliminating praise, treat, and play.
- Actively supervise them and watch for signs that they need to potty. (sniffing, circling, going to door, etc.)
- Talk with a professional trainer and/or your vet if you seem to not be making progress with potty training, sometimes there can be a medical reason for slow progress or a regression.
- Clean up accidents with an enzymatic cleaner
- Keep a potty training chart/board by the door to keep track of outdoor potty times.

Don't:

- Leave your puppy out of the crate or puppy area unsupervised.
- Crate for long periods of time. Make sure crate is big enough for an "accident" and space to move away from it.
- Punish your puppy for eliminating. This causes your puppy to not feel safe going potty in front of you.
- Let your puppy go outside to potty without you.
- Bring your puppy right back inside after they potty. A lot of puppies will learn to hold it and not go because they know that as soon as they go potty, they're going to be brought back inside.
- Wait too long between potty breaks. If your puppy did not do their business when you took them out for their scheduled break then you will need to put them in a crate, puppy area, or tether them to you with a leash and try again in 10 minutes.

For additional training needs, please call or email us.