



## Housetraining Schedule

- As you get ready to take the dog out, say “Do you want to go out?” in an excited voice or ring the bell by the door
- Take the dog out to the yard on a leash to its designated spot – **ALWAYS HAVE A TREAT WITH YOU**
- Give the dog about 5 minutes to eliminate
- If the dog doesn’t eliminate right away, come back in, confine the dog in a crate or other restricted area, set a timer for 10 minutes and try again
- Continue short visits outside until the dog eliminates. Wait until the dog is finished going potty and then reward with the treat and lavish praise
- Keep meals on a strict schedule and pick-up any leftover food after 10 minutes – no “free feeding”
- **Always** take the dog out after any metabolic activity: waking up, playing/toy chewing or social excitement, eating (within 10 minutes), and long drink of water (within 20 minutes)
- Interrupt any indoor elimination (not scolding) and immediately take the dog to its designated spot to finish; reward with praise and treat
- Clean up any indoor elimination with an enzymatic cleaner such as Simple Solution or Nature’s Miracle. Follow package instructions; look for “beneficial bacteria” or “enzymes” in the ingredient list.

*Record all elimination activity – whether indoors or outdoors*

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