

HOUSETRAINING

- o Puppy must sleep in crate overnight
- o Anytime puppy is free in house someone must be watching. If puppy makes a mistake it is your fault!
- o If you catch puppy toileting in house, clap hands and distract. Take puppy outside and praise for toileting in correct place.
- o Feed 2 x per day and pick up dish after eating.
- o Cover any previously soiled floor and furniture areas.
- o **Never punish puppy for soiling in house.** The puppy will only understand that it must not eliminate in your vision and will just find an out of the way spot to do so when your back is turned. It is important that the puppy understands that “you want it to “go”. By giving praise when this happens in the right place you will have a successfully trained dog.

Management Routine – Setting up for success

Puppy should be in 1 of 3 situations

- o In crate
- o In house with someone watching
- o Behind a baby gate on a linoleum floor

NB Do not shut puppy/dog in bathroom. It is a form of isolation and can create a problem later. If you must do, at least leave the door open and use a baby gate.

Training Routine

- o Take puppy out of crate
- o Take to toilet spot

If puppy pees- go to **A**. If puppy does not pee after 5 minutes- go to **B**.

A	B
<p>Praise warmly and give food treat</p> <p>Then- Walk puppy or Play with puppy</p> <p>Allow back in house (under supervision)</p> <p>Then Put back in crate or behind baby gate</p> <p>Note: Try always to have at least a short walk or play time after every successful toileting experience. Putting the puppy straight back in the crate will just teach her “As soon as I pee I get put back in crate so why not hold it?”</p>	<p>Pick up puppy and <u>put back in crate</u>.</p> <p>Wait 15 minutes then try again.</p> <p>If puppy pees go to A. If not repeat B</p>

Routine can be repeated as many times as necessary a day. If you are home every 1 ½ -2 hours. Puppy may stay in crate for up to 4 hours at a time. (overnight 8 hours)

TIP – Puppy must earn “freedom” in the house by knowing where to go to the bathroom and what she/he may/may not chew. This may take a year or longer.

Extra Help: If puppy pees in the house roll up a newspaper and hit yourself over the head with it. It may remind you to keep a closer eye on your puppy. Pay attention! Your puppy doesn't want to get it wrong.