

House Training

As a newspaper is not recommended to house train puppies, as it only prolongs the process and effectively teaches pups to relieve indoors. It is very important to initially establish a regular feeding, sleeping and play routine. Puppies are sure to need to relieve after all of the above and therefore their routine can become predictable and if you can predict when they need to relieve then the house training becomes much more effective and efficient.

Routine and supervision is key to success. Take the puppy to the designated relief area regularly. As the puppy begins to perform, give the dog a command such as 'Be Quick'. Without supervision you will not be able to reinforce the correct response, therefore even if the puppy needs to go outside in the worst of weather or most awkward time of night, then you must be with him to praise him. After all it is far better to encourage the dog in the first place, rather than step into a wet, warm puddle in the morning. Reward the dog for his actions each time and your training process should be consistent & regular.

Should the puppy have an accident in front of you, do not tell him off. This will only teach him to go and relieve out of sight. Therefore a clap of the hands is usually sufficient to interrupt him, carry him to the designated area and continue to supervise and add the command. Using indoor crates over night, confines the puppy to an area they are programmed not to relieve in, their bed. By having this crate near to your bedroom at night you will be able to hear any attempt to get out to relieve and therefore allow your puppy to relieve in the correct place, rather than wander around the home to find a suitable discreet spot. This inconvenience at night should only be short lived and by the time the puppy is three months old, they should be well on the way to being fully house trained.

Any accidents should be cleared up with a solution of warm water and washing powder, as many disinfectants contain ammonia, which encourages animals to relieve over the top time and again.

