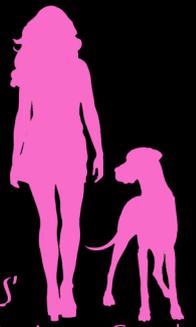


# Puppy Toilet Training

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It can seem very time consuming and repetitive but it really is not as hard as it seems! Using a combination of positive reinforcement and common sense it will be a breeze!

## Crate Training

Crates can be a very good way of teaching your puppy to control their bladder and keep your puppy safe when you are not around. If you use the crate properly it can also be a little safe haven for your pup as well as an aid to help with toileting. We do not recommend puppies being left in crates for long periods during the day and night, the crate should be of sufficient size for your puppy and there should always be access to fresh water in the crate.

## Paper Training

Paper training is not something we recommend. The puppy is taught to relieve himself on newspaper and then, at some point, is retrained to go outside. Paper training teaches the puppy to relieve themselves in the house. Is that really what you want your puppy to know? Teach your puppy what you want them to know.

## Routine

Make sure that your puppy goes outside during these peak times

- 🐾 Immediately after meals
- 🐾 After training sessions
- 🐾 Shortly after waking
- 🐾 After vigorous play
- 🐾 During or after a stressful event
- 🐾 When overly excited

When you go outside with your puppy make sure you praise the behaviour you desire (your puppy doing its business outside) whether this is with a treat or praise you must always reward the behaviour.

## What NOT to do

- 🐾 Never punish a pup or adult dog for toileting inappropriately and never rub their nose in or near the mess.
- 🐾 Leaving poorly housetrained puppies in the home alone sets them up to fail
- 🐾 Successful housetraining is based upon setting your puppy up for success.
- 🐾 Keep accidents to a minimum by anticipating your puppy's needs. If they start wandering around the lounge sniffing the floor, the chances are that they are about to relieve themselves. Take them outside before it happens.

If your pet is experiencing behavioural problems and you need help, please get in touch

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