

# **“CHIPPERS” SCHOOL FOR DOGS**



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## **TOILET TRAINING**

To Toilet Train a puppy or older rehome or rescue dog takes a little time and patience, puppies will need to relieve themselves more often than older dogs because their bladders are smaller and their muscle control is not yet developed. Older dogs may have lived some time in kennels and forgotten, or it may be that they have never lived indoors.

### **HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE**

As soon as you get your new puppy / dog home take him into the garden, on lead to go to the loo, stay with him until he goes. As soon as he assumes the position praise him in a calm voice “What a Good Boy”, If you wish you can use a command word like “Spend”, “Wee Wee”, “Tiddles”, “Busy” etc and when he has finished give him a treat immediately.

Take your puppy outside to the designated place every two hours.

Take your puppy outside after eating, drinking, sleeping and playing

Take your puppy outside first thing in the morning and last thing at night

Always accompany him so you know that he has done his business and are there to praise and reward.

Be vigilant, watch for signs that he needs to go - Circling, Sniffing, Restlessness.

Marking out a designated area of the garden for your dog's loo makes life

- 1) Easier for the dog to learn that this is the place we want him to use.
- 2) Makes it clear to children and visitors that this is the dog loo.
- 3) Makes it easier for you to keep clean

Taking your puppy/dog out on the lead allows him to focus on the job, play with him after he has been if you wish, but not before.

### **DON'T PUNISH ACCIDENTS**

If Puppy/ dog has an accident remain calm.

Never scold, smack or chastise your puppy/dog in any way for having an accident, this applies equally whether you are there or if you have arrived home to find a mess.

Never rub his nose in it.

These responses only serve to make our puppies/dogs

- 1) Stressed and therefore unable to learn as well or as quickly.
- 2) Afraid to go when we are watching.
- 3) In severe cases can lead to other behavioural problems.

If you catch him in the act, take him straight to his place, when he finishes his business reward him.

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## **CLEANING UP!**

Many household disinfectants retain odour so it is essential that a good quality enzyme-based cleaner that neutralises smells is used for the job, obtainable from good pet shops or a biological cleaner.

## **GRASS TRAINING**

If you want your puppy to toilet on grass, place a piece of turf either from your own garden or you can buy a piece from garden centers in a cat litter tray. Encourage him/her to use it to begin with, your puppy will soon get used to the feel and smell so that transferring the training onto your outside grass will be easy.

## **PAPER TRAINING**

If you are using paper in the house your puppy may take a little longer to train as the puppy has not yet learnt that his loo is outside. In order to make the progression from kitchen to garden, the correct cleaning product must be used to keep the floor odour free. The paper must be moved closer and closer to the door and eventually outside where you may need to hold it in place with a few stones or suchlike to stop it blowing away.

**Encouraging your puppy to toilet in the house be it on paper or grass does teach the puppy that the proper place to go is indoors. Our advice is to begin outside so that habit and scent never become established indoors.**

## **CRATES**

The use of indoor dens/crates is very useful in assisting with Toilet Training. If you are putting paper in the Crate make sure it is placed at the back so he does not have to walk through any accidents to get out.

## **REMEMBER**

**All dogs want to be clean  
Sometimes they will forget**

Occasionally there are other reasons for dogs toileting in the house, if your puppy only toilets indoors when left alone it may be the onset of separation anxiety and home alone training will be needed, if you are concerned ring Sue or Sarah for more help. If your puppy starts to toilet abnormally always consult your vet.

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