

POTTY TRAINING 101

Potty training can be a frustrating experience for new pet parents. Here is a flowchart to help you navigate this stage with your puppy.

START BY ASKING THESE QUESTIONS:

Did the puppy just wake up?
Has the puppy been playing for 20-30 minutes?
Has the puppy had anything to eat or drink recently?
Is the puppy sniffing the floor or wandering near the door?

IF YES: PUPPY SHOULD GO OUTSIDE!

Use praise & tasty treats as soon as the puppy eliminates outside.

Remember, accidents do happen. Scolding or yelling make it harder for the puppy to learn what is expected of them. Ignore the accident, clean up, and move on.

IF NO: PUPPY HAS EARNED SOME FREEDOM!

It's likely that puppy can play freely in the house without an accident for a short time.

Always monitor puppy during free play and take frequent trips outside in case you miss any signals. Try to visit the potty about every 30 minutes or so.

WHAT IF PUPPY DIDN'T GO WHEN LAST TAKEN OUT?

Put puppy in a place where you can monitor them.

A crate, playpen, or on a leash by your side are the most popular options. Take them out every 15 minutes, or if you see them starting to sniff for a place to go.



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