

House/Crate Training Your Puppy or Adult Dog

A. The puppy is in one of the following situations at all times:

1. Outside with you
2. Inside with your constant supervision (leash your dog to you or don't take your eyes off him).
3. Confined in a small crate, small room or gated area

B. Establish a routine

1. Put your puppy on a regular feeding schedule. What goes in on a regular schedule will come out on a regular schedule.
2. Pick a spot for your puppy toilet. Be sure he has access to this place. Take him to this spot each time.
3. Take him out at the same time everyday (first thing in the morning, when you come home, before going to bed, etc.).

C. Do the following when you take him out:

1. Put a few small soft treats in your pocket
2. Take him to the place where you want his toilet.
3. Stand still, quietly and do not stare at the puppy, but keep one eye on him.
4. Just as he starts to go, softly say your cue word.
5. When he has finished immediately praise him and give him a **GREAT** treat. Tell him what a very good boy he is.

D. When he doesn't potty when you take him out

1. Keep him outside for at least 5 minutes.
2. If he still hasn't gone bring him back inside and put him in his crate for 10 to 15 minutes. Next, take him back out doors and try again.
3. Repeat C steps 1-5

D. Accidents often happen when you are preoccupied. Watch you puppy closely (as you would a toddler), but do not stare. Know the following signs when to take your puppy outdoors:

1. Take your puppy outside when he just wakes up.
2. When you just greeted him and released him from the confinement of a crate, exercise pen etc.
3. When he has just ate or drank.
4. When he has been chewing on something for a while and gets up to find something else to do.
5. When he is excited, agitated, or much more active than usual.
6. When he is wandering away from an area he was playing in sniffing the floor.
7. When he is trotting over to an area he has soiled before, especially if he starts sniffing in that area.
8. When he is sniffing the floor!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
9. When he is looking a bit confused or distracted.
10. When he is looking in the direction of the door he usually goes out of.
11. When he is whining.
12. When he has been playing hard.
13. When he refuses a treat or favorite toy.
14. When he begins to squat.

E. Accidents (DO NOT Punish)

1. If he has an accident in the house or crate, Do Not correct him unless you catch him in the act.
2. When catching him in the act, make abrupt noise to startle him. Do NOT punish him.
3. Rush him outdoors CHEERFULLY.
4. Clean up accidents, when he cannot see you, with a commercial enzymatic cleaner:
 1. Petastic
 2. Nature's Miracle
 3. Simple Solution
 4. Any other commercial enzymatic cleaner
 5. DO NOT use anything with Ammonia.

F. Puppy Bladder

1. A puppy's bladder is developed by 20 week of age.
2. Needs to urinate once every hour or so when active.
3. 7 to 12 week old puppies will urinate more than once an hour if active
4. Take him out every half hour
5. Take him out after eating or drinking
6. Most puppies will sleep through the night.
7. A medium to large puppy can "hold it" while confined in crate, the number of months old they are plus one. Small dogs is less.

G. Crate Training

1. Put treat on lip of crate letting the puppy get the treat. Next, gradually toss treats farther and farther toward the back of crate letting the puppy get the treat each time.
2. Do not shut the door; let him run in and out as he pleases.
3. Do this 3 to 5 times in a row so he will associate this with a fun game.
4. Repeat every 2 or 3 hours during the day.
5. After he is happy with this game, close the door for just a few seconds after he enters the crate.
6. Do a few more times, then close door and feed him through the gate, then let him out.
7. Put him in crate with a stuffed Kong.
8. While he is involved with the Kong, walk away and return in 30 seconds (before he finishes the Kong).
9. Open the door and encourage him to come out
10. Other ways to make him comfortable in his crate is to line it with old clothing that has your smell on it.
11. Some puppies like their crate covered.
12. Use crate for sleeping and when you can't watch him.
13. Put crate in your bedroom at night.

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