

## House Training

The key to successful house training is supervision. Use a crate or confinement area when you can't supervise your dog. You can even tether your dog to you by simply attaching the leash to your waist or through a belt loop.

If your dog looks like they need to go potty, i.e., starts sniffing around or walking in a circle, take your dog outside immediately. (This is easy to do if your dog is tethered to you). Keep treats or kibble on you, you can use a treat pouch or your pocket, so you can reward your dog. As soon as your dog starts peeing or pooping outside, praise them. You can start to call the behavior something, like "go potty". When your dog finishes, reward them with a small treat and lots of praise.

Whenever there is a change in your dog's behavior, such as your dog finishes playing, wakes up from a nap, or leaves their crate or confinement spot, take them outside immediately. Have treats in hand. When you see the first signs of your dog sniffing and circling outside, praise them. Praise your dog again when they squat to pee or poop. Again, you can use a phrase like "go potty". Your dog will start to associate "go potty", with peeing outside and the rewards that come with it. When they finish, immediately praise, and reward your dog.

Take your dog out for frequent potty breaks.

Never punish your dog for peeing or pooping in the house. They will be afraid to let you see them go and some dogs will hide to relieve themselves. This can be very unpleasant when it is finally discovered!

If your dog does pee or poop inside, just clean it up. Do not punish your dog. I recommend using an enzyme cleaner, rather than just soap and water, to get rid of the scent in that location and discourage further pottying there.