



House Training is as simple as 1, 2, 3.

- 1) Confinement- Keep your dog or puppy confined in a crate, exercise pen or small room. Dogs like to keep their living area clean. Being in a small space encourages them to hold their bladder and bowels.
- 2) Supervise- Your pet should NEVER be out of your sight. Watch it for sniffing, circling and crouching. These are indications your pet needs to relieve itself.
- 3) Location, Location, Location- Just like real estate, it's where your pet relieves itself that is important. After sleep, eating or play, take your dog on a leash to the potty area. Be still and quiet and wait for the dog to relieve itself. After the act is complete, give a tasty food reward outside at the location you want your pet to potty.

It is really that simple. Other things you might consider are-

- 1) Feed 2 or 3 times a day but pick up the food after 5 minutes. If you know when the food goes in, you know when the poop comes out. If your pup eats all day, it will poop all day.
- 2) Limit water in the evening to dry your dog out. If it seems really thirsty try giving it an ice cube.
- 3) Leave a leash on when the pup is loose. It is easier to catch in an emergency. Do not leave a leashed dog unsupervised.

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