



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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