

GOOD DOGGY!

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HOUSETRAINING THE GOOD DOGGY! WAY

Rules to Successful Housetraining:

Have white vinegar, baking soda, and/or Nature's Miracle Stain and Odour remover on hand at all times. Stock up on paper towels and old towels. Be patient and crate train your dog/puppy! A puppy or dog learning, will make mistakes. Watch for body language signs like sniffing the ground and circling. If it happens simply clean it up and move on.

To Use Vinegar and Baking Soda: clean up the saturated area with paper towels or towels. Pour up to one cup vinegar on entire surface area. Then pour up to one cup baking soda on top. There will be a chemical reaction. Let the action happen! Let it sit for a few hours or overnight. Then vacuum it up.

House training is the part of owning a puppy that can be stressful. Having to keep an eye on your dog or puppy as they learn to go outside can be a painstaking stage of dog training. But with patience, a proactive attitude and humour you will get through it. If you get distracted or busy, put dog in crate! You have no one to blame but yourself if your dog has an accident on your clock and you were busy doing office work or talking on the phone. Help set your dog up for success.

There is a general rule with housetraining puppies- calculate the age of the puppy and add 1 hour = amount of time it can hold it (a four month old puppy should be able to hold it for 5 hours). There are always exceptions to the rule depending on size of dog, but this is the general consensus. The average adult dog can hold it when crate trained for 8 hours, but a midday break is preferable. A Pup younger than 10 weeks of age will have to go potty every 30-60 min.

An example of a daily routine:

- AM potty break
- AM walk
- AM feed and water
- Playtime or go to work (if going to work then in the crate)
- Lunchtime potty break
- Lunchtime walk or playtime (optional)
- Lunchtime meal if a puppy
- Crate
- PM bathroom break
- PM walk
- PM meal
- Relax time or playtime
- Bathroom break before bedtime
- Back in crate