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Building Trust and Respect

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TOILET TRAINING YOUR PUPPY

Congratulations on choosing to download our Targeted Course about Toilet Training Your Puppy or Dog.

Setting up for success rather than failure is what we are aiming for. We aim together to help you better understand your special relationship with your dog to ensure you are given the skills to happily co-exist in your home life together.

Dogs are not born knowing how we want them to behave, nor do they understand the English language.

Most people do not instinctively know the best way to train dogs, but with learning and practice, you and your puppy or dog will make steady progress and have fun which is an important aspect.

A dog's body language is very interesting, and you will benefit greatly by learning as much as you can.

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Whilst no one method is necessarily any better than another, some methods suit some dogs/handlers better than others.

Over many years I have used all known methods of toilet training, however, this method has worked for me every time.

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Enjoy your training and enjoy building a loving bond of trust and respect with that special member of another species who has come into your life and your home. Remember, we ask a lot of our dogs, so let's try to give something back to them that will enrich their lives, as they do ours.

When training dogs, it is so important for the trainer to know exactly what motivates that particular dog. Most people assume that all dogs like food, so they just give them food. But this is not always the case.

Think of it in human terms - just because you eat crackers, this doesn't mean that a box of crackers would motivate you to try something new... or try something that scares you. However, money probably means more to you than crackers. So, if you were offered a monetary reward to do that same scary task, chances are that you would feel much more motivated.

Well, dogs are exactly the same! When it comes to your kids, or co-workers, or spouse/partner, you probably spend a lot of time trying to learn what motivates them, and this is something that you need to do for your dog too.

Training treats should be soft, small and very tasty for your dog.

TRAINING and MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Animal training has been the subject of a lot of research in recent years, and it has been proven that a **behaviour that has been reinforced will be repeated, and behaviour that is not reinforced will lessen and ultimately disappear**. This is the basis of **Positive Reinforcement training** and is the type of training used by most zoos and animal parks. Your puppy has been learning about you from the moment you brought him or her home, and also, training you as to his or her likes and dislikes at the same time!

- Being proactive rather than reactive is a great way to train. Rather than waiting for your dog to make a mistake and then correct that mistake, start to take notice of what your dog is telling you
- Know your dog's intentions and try always to be one step ahead of your dog
- Consistency will be the key to your success
- Be fair in setting boundaries for your dog
- Ensure your expectations are realistic. Ask for help in setting those boundaries if you are unsure
- If you can't be around to supervise your dog, ensure your dog behaves appropriately by managing your dog's environment and be prepared for situations that may arise. Be aware that your dog is learning from his or her environment all the time.

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Every second your dog spends with you (unless he or she is sound asleep) your dog is learning something. No mother dog ever says to her puppies “Wait until your father comes home’. Dogs are in the here and now, they live in the moment and we should take that opportunity to use our dog’s attention and turn it to good. Your dog watches every little move you make. To your dog, your movements mean something – but not always something that your dog can work out. A dog’s language is mainly visual.

Take the time to teach your dog what our body signals mean.

TOILET TRAINING

Teaching your puppy to stay clean in the house and to only toilet outside is about training yourself. Most puppies start out naturally wanting to be clean but with no concept of delaying the toileting urge.

In the early weeks of life, when a puppy needs to toilet, he or she will toddle away from their sleeping area, find a spot and away they go, without waiting any longer. You will need to help your puppy to understand that you only want them to toilet in certain locations. At home, this will be your yard and your puppy will need to learn to “hold on” until he or she gets to your chosen location.

Good management is so helpful during house training. Until your puppy is trained, it is to your benefit to make sure that he or she is not left unattended in an area where you do not want this toileting to occur.

Wise use of your puppy’s crate can greatly help the house-training success. If your puppy considers the crate his or her bed, there will be a reluctance to soil it. Use a crate that is small enough to house your puppy or dog and one that doesn’t provide room at one end for your puppy to soil away from the washable bedding.

A tip to remember is that many puppies are raised on newspaper and to them, this is their toileting area.

Take your puppy outside frequently during the day, preferably on a leash, so that you confine the area for toileting and whereby you can praise profusely for a job well done!

Your puppy needs to go outside every half hour to an hour, after every meal, after a drink, after a nap, after play and at any time you sense your puppy is looking for a place “to go”. Quickly scoop your puppy up, have a leash handy and outside you go together. Use a word of your choice, like “toilet”, “potty”, “pee”, or whatever word you come up with and consistently use this chosen word.

If your puppy seems more interested in being outside than toileting, simply scoop up your puppy and return your puppy to their crate. Wait a reasonable time and try again. Puppies sometimes seem to hang on forever if they have another agenda, however, it pays dividends

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to continue with this process until the puppy toilets. Stick to one training teaching at a time!

If your puppy toilets in front of you when back within your home, despite your diligence, “gasp” in surprise, scoop him or her up and rush to the chosen area. If your puppy toilets further, praise, praise, praise.

If you find an accident from your puppy whilst you were not watching, clean it up and remind yourself that it is your responsibility to keep alert and watch. If you cannot watch your puppy simply crate or pen your puppy with some food in a dog toy or a chew, or some play toys.

To further your bonding process, it is recommended that you put your puppy on a leash and tie the leash to yourself... this way you will not only deepen your bond together, but you will be ever watchful.

Be patient, some puppies seem to catch on quickly, others appear confused by the whole concept. If you have one of the latter, do not despair, you simply need to be more patient and diligent until your puppy catches on to this training idea.

If your puppy disturbs through the night, slip on his or her leash and take them outside to empty themselves.

If you leave your puppy alone all day whilst at work, obviously house training will take longer. A large pen outside whereby your puppy has weather protection, as well as a grassed area, works wonders, or even grass matting, if a grassed area is not possible, is a great purchase.

Following is the above information Condensed into Headings:

1. Understanding Puppy/Dog Behaviour

Puppies want to be clean but don't know how to delay the urge to toilet.

Early on, puppies will find a spot away from their sleeping area to toilet.

2. Helping Your Puppy Learn

Guide your puppy to specific toileting locations, like your yard.

Teach your puppy to wait until they reach the chosen location.

3. Effective Management Tips

Avoid leaving your puppy unattended in areas you don't want them to toilet.

Use a crate to aid house training, as puppies are reluctant to soil their sleeping area.

Ensure the crate is the right size to prevent soiling in one end.

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4. Training Techniques

Recognize that many puppies are used to newspaper for toileting.

Take your puppy outside frequently, on a leash, and praise them for toileting outside.

Establish a routine for taking your puppy outside regularly, especially after meals, drinks, naps, and play.

5. Handling Accidents

If your puppy toilets indoors, quickly take them outside.

Use a consistent word like “toilet” or “potty” for toileting.

Clean up accidents without scolding and stay vigilant.

6. Nighttime Considerations

Take your puppy outside if they disturb during the night.

7. Workday Considerations

House training will take longer if you're away during the day.

Consider using a large pen with weather protection and a grassed area

REMEMBER: Dogs learn fastest when ...

- **they are rewarded every time**
- **the reward is very desirable**
- **the reward is given immediately (1 second)**

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