

The Grateful Dog

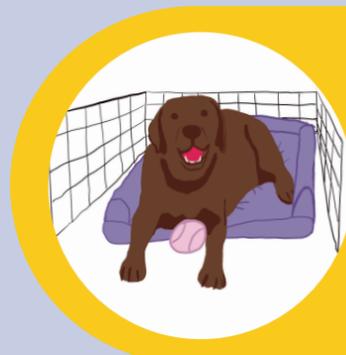


POTTY TRAINING GUIDE



Unmonitored When Indoors

Your dog should be restricted to a space that they do not eliminate in. Depending on where you are in the training, that could be their crate, an x-pen, or a room. As the training progresses, this space will get larger, until access no longer needs to be restricted.



Monitored When Indoors

They should always be in your line of sight. Block exits, leash them to your hip, or taking them outside any time they wander off. Watch for signs they may need to eliminate. Each dog is unique, but common signs include sniffing the ground, walking in a circle, or hiding behind furniture.



Potty Breaks

Going potty in the designated area should always be paired with something positive (treats, praise, affection, etc.) just as they finish eliminating. In other words, throw a party for your dog! Puppies should go out at least every 2 hours, but also any time they drink water, eat food, wake up from a nap, etc.



When Accidents Happen

If “caught in the act”, you can excitedly interrupt them while encouraging them to come to the designated area to finish. Otherwise keep your reaction neutral and especially avoid scolding. The area should be cleaned with an enzymatic cleaner.



Troubleshooting

If you are struggling to make progress, keep a log of your dog's behavior:

- Date/Time
- Location, Conditions, Who is Present
- Proceeding / Concurrent Activity
- Behavior Description
- What Followed
- Additional Comments / Feelings

