



## House Training Your Dog

1. Crate training: The best method of training is "crate training" with regular discipline and reward.
2. Crate size: the crate or carrier should only be large enough for your puppy to lie on its side allowing for a month or two of growth. The idea is there is not enough room for the puppy and pee/poop.
3. Evening Training: Your puppy needs to be housed in its crate in the evening when the household goes to bed. During the night, no attention is to be given to the pet if they vocalize, wake up, or whine.
4. Morning Training: In the morning, the first person to greet the pet should open the crate, take the puppy directly out to the grass/yard. Every 10 seconds, repeat "potty". After the puppy squats and urinates, follow immediately with exuberant praise calling the pet by name, "Good Buffy!" Use a light, high tone in your voice with a smile.
5. Throughout the Day: When you are not home or are not watching your puppy, the pet should be in its crate. Each time your pet has had hours in the crate, it is taken directly out to the grass/yard. Repeat everything as with the morning training.
6. After Eating: Begin observing your puppy after feeding it. Usually 15-20 minutes after eating, the colon starts contracting creating a bowel movement. When a pup begins to sniff the ground, moving rapidly around an area, this says "I need to go potty". Take them to the grass and repeat "potty" as per morning training.
7. Discipline: Never use your puppy's name in discipline, only in reward. Your pet can be disciplined only when beginning, during or just ending a poop or pee event in an inappropriate area. Discipline, by an adult, is: 1) clap your hands two times as loud as possible, combined with 2) a loud shout two times "No, no!". You should get a startle response and the pet usually runs away. After 20 or 30 seconds, find the puppy and if you interrupted their potty time, take them out to the grass/yard and wait for them to finish, then reward them as before.

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