



HOUSEBREAKING A PUPPY

The time proven housebreaking method.

Housebreaking a puppy can be an easy process or difficult depending on the method chosen. Before bringing home a new puppy you should have everything necessary to make house breaking easy.

1. Purchase a small crate with a latching door. This crate will be used to confine the puppy when not house breaking. Later you can use a larger open wire crate.
2. Buy a bag of Flint River treats that can be broken into tiny bites (the size of an M&M peanut candy). Or you can use carrots cut into small slices. Place inside a zip lock plastic bag to keep fresh.
3. *Have plenty of Dog Urine and Stain removing liquid.. Make certain you use a product containing bacteria or active enzymes that are bacteria in a friendly name.
4. Place a bell(s) (Christmas type) bell on a rope hanging from the doorknob of the door where the puppy will use to go outside.
5. Make certain you have a long leash or "flexie" to attach to the puppies collar.
6. Decide on command words for the puppy. Single words to represent: Go Potty, Go outside etc. Use lots of praise.

The following house training approach will be effective with most puppies in three to four days. You must be diligent for this method to work. Using the steps for a few hours

and skipping a day or two will not lead to a housebroken puppy in a short period of time. The age of the puppy and breed can also alter the time necessary to housebreak a puppy.

Do not attempt to paper train a puppy. Unless you plan to use this method forever! This approach confuses a puppy when it is time to outside train. From the moment the puppy comes home you have to begin the outside training process. Select a door where the puppy will go to be let outside. This door must be where someone in the family will hear the dog. A door far from where the family spends its time will not work. You have to hear the dog request to go outside. Whether using a bell or the dog scratching you must be able to hear the puppy. Place the crate in a location where the dog will sleep at night. The first few nights, you can place the crate beside the bed so that the puppy can hear you breath. This is particularly good idea if you plan later to let the puppy sleep on the bed.

It is your choice to place a pillow or towel inside the crate. Normally puppies' will not soil their sleeping area. But this is not always the case. A chew toy may be the best thing to place inside a crate and nothing else to save on clean up of messes.

Immediately upon bringing a puppy home, you take the dog on a leash to its spot to go potty. Never carry a puppy to its potty spot. When the puppy has reached the location where it is to go potty, use the command word selected and do not say any other word. Say, (example) "Poop!" Then wait for the puppy to do something. Either urinate or "poop". This may take sometime.

Immediately upon seeing the puppy complete its dropping or urinating, bend down and give the puppy a small treat. Say a word selected for praise, (example) "Excellent!" "Wonderful", "Good". Be consistent! Then wait for the puppy to complete the other half of its business and praise again with a treat. Only one treat per completed job and single word praise is best. It's recommended you not pick up all the fecal droppings, as this will serve to identify the spot the puppy will use the next time.

When finished, on its leash lead the puppy into the house through the door it will use to go in and outside. Do Not carry the puppy back inside. Try always to use the leash when you go back to the inside door. Again, it's important you be consistent. Inside the house, play with the puppy for a time, maybe ten or fifteen minutes. If you use a water bottle on the crate, allow the puppy to drink water.

Do not let the puppy have access to carpeted floors for some time. The backing on carpet has a smell that makes them want to use it for potty. Therefore, it's better to restrict the puppy to areas having hard surface floors for a while.

Play with the puppy for a few minutes and begin the house breaking session again. Always be consistent, soon the puppy will begin to understand the routine. You should praise the dog with its one word, for example, "good puppy," "excellent!" etc. Give the puppy a single treat and open the door. Say the phrase you use, "go outside" or whatever you want to say. On its leash take the puppy to its potty spot and wait for it to urinate. After it does good, give the puppy a treat with its one word praise and walking the puppy,

take back inside the house. Repeat this process for the next two to three hours. Placing the puppy in the crate after an outside inside play session is okay if the puppy must be left temporarily until you can complete the process. Never leave the puppy to roam the house when not engaged in house breaking.

After a few days, the ultimate way to train the puppy using a bell or other audible device; it will give you an “early warning system” that will last a lifetime. It will take some patience on your part, but will be well worth the effort. For the first day or two make going outside to the “spot” the main focal point of the training.

Note: Early on in the training the first day or two, it's better to carry the puppy directly to the outside door rather than give the puppy the opportunity to stop on the way and have an accident. Later, the puppy will better understand the routine and walking quickly to the door on a leash the puppy knows you are going outside. What we want to do now is make the trip outside as direct (and fun) as possible.

Once outside go to the “spot” and say the word you want to associate with going potty. For example, Go “pee” or Go “poop”. You must be consistent using the word you have chosen. For example go “Poop”! Also a helpful hint, say the word “poop” while the puppy is actually doing it's business. This will re-enforce the word and the act.

After the puppy is finished, you may use a treat or praise, “good puppy”. (name of puppy). Be excited!

After the first few days you may want to begin teaching the puppy to tell you when it wants to go out. Many people use a little bell on a ribbon at the outside door. The dog will soon learn to ring the bell to get your attention.

Immediately after removing the puppy from the crate, attach the leash and walk quickly to the door. Lifts it's paws, ring the bell and use one word praise and a treat.

If the puppy has an accident on the way to the door do not discipline, It takes lots of “patience”.

Take the puppy directly outside using the normal routine (do not put the puppy back to the crate and clean up the mess). Come back in and do that later after taking the puppy outside.

Use simple solution or a retraining spray or another effective urine/pheromone cleanup liquid. Never let the puppy see you clean up its mess, and this means never. Do not scold the puppy for having an accident. Do not use a newspaper to discipline or another punishment tool. Make certain everyone in the household and any friends or guests understand not to punish the puppy for an accident. Just place the puppy in the crate away from the accident.

If the accident was inside the crate, then place the puppy in a bathroom or other safe confining area in the house while you clean up the mess inside the crate.

Follow the directions on the bottle of liquid products. Do not wipe up immediately after applying, as this will prevent the liquid from removing all traces of urine and pheromone's left in an accident.

Summary:

- The steps again are: Take puppy outside after being in crate. Wait for potty then give a treat and praise. Bring the puppy back inside house to drink water and play for a few minutes. Put the puppy back in the crate for a time.
- Later, take the puppy from the crate, go directly to the outside door and repeat process. Do this over and over for several days. Do not get bored with process, if you are consistent with your actions, the puppy will catch on very quickly.
- Three to four days will likely have a house trained puppy. This will save you many dollars in urine and stain removing liquids and the mental anguish associated with housebreaking a puppy.
- Puppies have to "poop" approximately twenty minutes after eating solid food or drinking water. Time your outside trips around this knowledge. Do not feed your puppy and immediately go to the door and outside spot. Give them a little time to digest and process food.
- Play with them a few minutes just before taking outside after eating (As you get to know your puppy, you will know how long to wait). Always do repetitive treat-praise at the door. Ringing the bell with paws and using single word praise.
- Wait outside while they do their potty. Do not leave the puppy alone outside. Wait for them and observe that they have completed their steps. Give them a treat and word praise.

If you have small children, it's best not to let them take the puppy out at first. They may just want to play and that defeats the purpose of the training. One adult should take the responsibility of the initial training and it's important that if more than one will be taking the puppy out, the script should be exactly the same so as not to confuse the puppy.

This process should take place for the entire next three to four days after bringing home a new puppy. At night right before going to bed, you take the puppy out for the last time. Inside the house place the puppy inside the crate without food or water by 7: P.M in the evening. Close the crate door and go to bed.

Do not let the puppy train you with moans and whimpering at night. Leave the puppy to adjust to its new environment. In the morning, go to the puppy and put the leash on the collar. Walk the puppy to the door quickly and begin the house breaking process again.

Following all the before mentioned steps. If the puppy soiled its crate, cleanup the mess without bringing attention to the puppy that it had an accident. Ignore all accidents. Never

scold the puppy for accidents. Just remember to remove the puppy from the area of the accident so it does not see you clean up the mess.

After a month or more when the puppy always goes to the door to go outside, begin to wean the puppy off treats. Skipping a treat every once in awhile. When the puppy is completely house broken you can wean them off the treats completely.

This approach violates many preconceived ideas of house breaking puppies'. Long time approaches to house breaking have proven to take weeks or months and even years to completely house break a new puppy. We have proven that this approach worked in just days or a week depending on the age and body development of the puppy. If your puppy is at least ten weeks old, the attention span of the puppy should be sufficient to make the training go much better. A puppy younger than this will naturally take longer to understand what you expect of it.

Remember, some small puppies have bladders that cannot hold liquid for a long period. You have to gauge the right time for your new puppy to go potty. Twenty minutes may not be the right time to wait. Your puppy may go potty in twenty-seven minutes or fifteen. Work out in time what works best.

Just remember to not give up on training the new puppy to follow a set procedure to let you know it wants to go outside. Do not use dog doors until the puppy knows its proper spot to go potty and not to go inside. If the puppy marks the inside of the house with accidents that are not cleaned up completely, it will use the pheromone in these accidents as the indicator of where it should leave its droppings.

You can use a Black light to find old urine accidents. This will at least give you the opportunity to find the source of smells inside the carpet. Remember even after a carpet cleaning by professional carpet cleaners, the pheromone's are still in the carpet pad and flooring and on the back of the carpet.

Be diligent, have patience and consistency in your training and your new puppy will be house broken in a short period of time.

Crate Information

When puppy grows older and has graduated from the small crate used for close confinement, you might want to think about getting a larger crate that can accommodate the adult size. We like the open wire crate that lets air circulate and it's easy to observe what's going on inside and out. The crate becomes the "DEN" because the Terrier is a den animal. Soon, it will be a special place to go and just hang out for the puppy. When you have to leave for short periods of time or even several hours, the crate is a safe haven for the dog and your peace of mind until you return.

Without the confinement and security the crate provides it's a puppy's nature to explore and not unusual for the pet owner to return home to find the puppy has chewed into a lamp cord with obvious results. The peace of mind of knowing puppy is safe until you return home is priceless.

We recommend getting a crate for the Westie, Scottie size of about 36 inches long by about 24 inches wide and 21 inches tall. This gives plenty of room to move around and will be adequate for years to come. Be sure to get a "grate" which is the floor the puppy stands on, allowing urine or fecies to drop through into a pan covered with newspaper to adsorb the moisture.

Perhaps you have to be away longer than expected and the puppy can't hold it until you return. Having the grate will minimize the puppies contact with the mess should it happen.

We can recommend a crate of excellent quality and durability. Having a chrome finish rather than paint on the metal will provide many years of useful service. Central Metal Products (www.centralmetalproducts.com) is online and you can visit their website.

The Water Bottle

The water bottle works particularly well especially when you will be away for extended periods of time. The bottle attaches to the wire crate or the door of a plastic crate and will provide fresh water for hours. A bowl of water can be turned over or contaminated with insects and food particles when left unsupervised for extended periods of time.

We recommend getting a bottle, most pet stores will carry the 32-ounce size and provides enough fresh water for a day, even for an adult. Water bottles marketed for rabbits work just as well for puppies.





**Central Metal Products Crate
36 L 18 W 21 H inches is the Size shown**

In the photograph you can see the grate is suspended above the pan. The pan slides forward for removal and cleaning. The pans are available in galvanized and stainless steel finish. The stainless is more durable and of course will last much longer.

This crate can be folded for storage or travel to a size equal in the length and height of the crate but only six inches thick. Making it easy to transport in an automobile.

Product and Ordering information:

	Stock Number
Central Metal	# 212
Pan stainless steel *	#3618
Pan galvanized	#036
Hygienic floor grate	#735

- “Bad Pup’pee Scent Retraining Aide”. This is an enzyme product for removing pet urine odor. Available in many pet stores.
- Simple Solution pet odor remover. Available in most pet stores.
- Water bottle is available in most pet stores or www.upco.com 800-254-8726

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