POTTY TRAINING TIPS



PUPPY NAME/ID:

ROUTINE, ROUTINE!

Feed your puppy meals at the same time each day (we recommend three meals per day), and remove the water dish 2 hours before bedtime. Your puppy has learned to ring a bell, so keep one on the door you will use to go outside.

SET UP FOR SUCCESS:

Take your puppy out immediately upon waking up in the morning, after naps, and a few minutes after mealtime. Plan to take her outside every hour for the first week, then increase to every 2 hours, etc. Keep an eye on her at all times and watch for circling or sniffing the ground; these are signs she might need to potty.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO:

Carry puppy quickly to the door; use the same door each time. Ring the potty bell where she can see it and go outside. Go to the same area each time, and have your puppy on leash. Ignore her and allow her to walk around a small area if she wishes. Immediately as she finishes eliminating, say the cue word "potty" in a bright voice then reward with a treat.

OVERNIGHT:

Your puppy should be able to sleep 6 or 7 hours without needing to potty; for example: take last potty trip at 10 pm and wake up at 6 am. As your puppy grows she will be able to hold it longer.

KEEP IT CLEAN:

Clean up any accidents with an enzyme cleaner. If you see your puppy going in the house, interrupt with an "uh-oh!" and carry her outside immediately. If you find an accident after the fact, just clean it up. If she has an accident in the crate, be sure to clean it quickly and thoroughly!