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# **A Guide on Housebreaking Your Canine**

When you first take a dog or puppy home, you will most likely have to potty train your dog. There are a few people who are lucky and get an already potty trained dog, but this is pretty rare. The truth is, most new owners will have to train their dogs. This can be scary but it is a lot easier than it sounds.

The main thing about knowing how to potty train a dog is that you have to be patient and consistent. If you are strict with the training one day and then relax a little with it the next day, it will take you a long time to see your desired results. Training a dog can be fun and exciting if you have the right mindset and truly dedicate your time and focus to it. The first step to training a dog is deciding where you want the dog to go to the bathroom. Do you want it to go inside on a pee pad or outside?

If you have decided to go with the pee pad then you must select a place where you will want that pad to be each and every time. It is important that the dog knows exactly where the pee pad is at all times without being surprised. This will lead to fewer accidents. If you find that your dog selected another area of the house, such as the corner of the dining room for its bathroom instead of the pad it is time to get to work. Working with your dog's current behaviour is how to potty train it.

Instead of yelling about where the dog went to the bathroom, simply place the pee pad at that spot. This way the dog will begin going on it and you can praise it. After a few days move the pee pad a few feet in the direction of the desired pee pad location. Every few days or so, as your dog continues to use the pad, move it again towards the spot you would prefer the pad to be. Eventually you will have your dog going exactly where you want it to go.

Learn more about how to [Potty Train Dog](#) here.

No matter whether indoor or out, when you potty train a dog you should be careful to only give food and water during set meal times, so that there are less accidents. For outdoor training, wait about twenty minutes after eating, then put the leash on and take your dog outside, but do not let it just wander around as it pleases. Instead, lead it directly to a designated spot, and when your dog does what it's expected to, give lots of acknowledgment along with a treat.

Unlike the dogs being trained for the pee pads, your dog will not have a means to properly relieve itself. How to potty train a dog for going to the bathroom outside also means teaching it how to hold its bladder.

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