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# Effective Puppy House Training

With a new puppy in the home, [puppy house training](#) guidelines must be worked out to prevent little "surprises" from appearing around your house. House training must be worked through by every new puppy and its owners. Some puppies require more time and patience to catch on, while other puppies learn the process rather quickly. So don't be frustrated when you are not having that much progress with [puppy training](#) at first. Keep being consistent, loving, and patient and your puppy will learn what you want.

### **Looking Into the Mind of Your Puppy**

Looking into how your puppy thinks will certainly assist you in producing good puppy house training results. The word clean holds a different meaning for your puppy than it holds for you. Puppies do not need the structure of a set place to relieve themselves outside, what they want is the freedom to go where and when they feel the need. Your puppy is only concerned with nature's basic safety and health rule which is to stay away from his bed or food when going to the toilet. This means that any place else in your house, away from his bed and food, may be considered appropriate, from behind your couch to the floor in your bedroom. Places like this are perfectly fine for him, although definitely not for you; what you must do is instruct him and show him a better spot -- one that you choose for him!

### **Anticipating the Signs**

A puppy doesn't have a terribly reliable early warning system for the first several weeks, so make sure to sort this out as soon as you can for both your sake. As soon as possible, you should choose a spot in the area where the puppy is plays, eats or usually sleeps. You will find it rewarding to predict when it's time to take your puppy to go out. In general, puppies have to "go" after waking up, eating, drinking, getting excited, or playing as well as every hour in between!

As you get to know your puppy, you will get to learn the various signs that he needs to go out to the bathroom. When a puppy is persistently sniffing, circling a single spot or has his tail held high, those are common signals. When see this you need to immediately bring him to where you prefer that he relieve himself to build the association. Taking these steps will ensure that puppy house training is successful.

For some dogs, even those who have received adequate [dog training](#), little accidents still happen when they get excited or when they are being greeted by family members and visitors. This is an instinctive reaction known as submissive urination and shouldn't be handled apart from house training. And even with other accidents, you should never chastise your dog. They will only be confused by punishment, and become secretive about going to the bathroom.

Do not shout at your dog when he has an accident due to excitement, instead take a patient approach and work things out with him until the habit is broken. Keep greetings low key and preferably do them while you're both still outside. Build up your dog's confidence and greet them gently. If they do have an accident, clean it up and don't make any issue out of it. The next thing you know, your dog won't be having these types of accidents and you will be celebrating for having finished puppy house training successfully.

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