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Housebreaking A Dog - The Basics

Whenever housebreaking a dog, it truly is very helpful to be informed of a few general guidelines which will help you avoid unnecessary issues and ensure that the process will be a positive one.

If you would like your dog training to go more smoothly, you'll want to make sure to take note of the following [tips on housebreaking a dog](#)

Tip #1: It's generally a very good idea to start housebreaking puppies as soon as you get them home. This is also true for older dogs as well. However, whenever it comes to potty training puppies, it is vital to bear in mind that they have little to no sphincter control in the beginning. This will not be completely developed until close to 12 weeks of age. Although you'll want to start training them right away, being conscious of this will likely help you prevent many mishaps and setbacks that frequently occur.

Tip #2: Make sure to put your puppy on a routine. This is especially true when it comes to feeding and bathroom breaks. Make sure to take them outdoors first morning, following each meal, before their bedtime and every few hours in between. Try to do these things at the same times each day when feasible, this will help make things easier for your dog. Also, avoid providing them food or water in the evening about 1-2 hours before bedtime, this will help lessen the need to take them out in the middle of the night.

Tip #3: Do not leave your puppy unsupervised in your home and don't allow them to have free reign of your whole home. The very best thing to do is to keep them to a particular area of your home, but make sure to watch them closely and interact with them. It is likely that you'll notice them sniffing at the ground or circling an area or pacing. When you see this, get them outside immediately. This will not only avoid an accident, but also help prevent accidents in the future. Since dogs are most likely to soil areas where they or other dogs have previously soiled. If you don't watch your puppy closely, this is very likely to happen.

Tip #4: Keep in mind to have lots of patience and praise your dog each time they eliminate in the correct spot. Recognize that this can take some time and your dog will not get it right away and accidents may occur. Make certain to keep away from punishing bad behavior. If you punish your dog after the fact, they will think they are being punished for whatever they were doing at the moment you began disciplining them. This may only serve to confound them and more difficulties will undoubtedly happen as a result.

These are just a couple of tips that can help you when you begin [housebreaking a dog](#).

If you're looking for more information, you may also be interested in learning about the best and fastest ways to [housebreak a dog](#).

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