

HOUSE BREAKING AND CRATE TRAINING with Happy Training!

REGISTRATION:

To start off with, in W.A., all dogs have to be registered at the age of 3 months! That is the City Council Registration of \$ 30.00 per year. To be caught with your dog unlicensed, may bring you a \$100.00 fine. Many dog owners have their pup **sterilized** at any time after 6 months, and the fee would now be **\$10.00 per year**, but it is better to pay thirty for the first year, rather than wait until the dog is sterilized and risk getting the hundred Dollar fine! **You do NOT** have to be a member of the Canine Association, now called Dogs West, to join our course.

The Puppy Rule of 12 gives you some idea of the many things a pup needs to learn before it is 12 to 14 weeks old!

HOUSE TRAINING: **Whenever your pup wakes up, it will need to go, that is, piddle or poop within a period of 5 minutes.** Call him, run along and let him follow as you call him happily, and all this jiggling of his tummy as he runs, will make him want to empty! Take him where you want him to go, stand there, silently watching, observing, saying nothing, just stand there and wait. Do not talk, do not play, until he performs, then say GOOD & give him a treat! Then you have a little game with him, play for a moment, and after that, take him back inside!

When he's playing in the house, watch the pup, when it stops to play, starts to circle, looks very interested in a certain spot, call it softly, pick him up or lead him outside if he will follow you as you call, take him to the spot you want him to go, and then do nothing. Just stand there and wait. Do not talk, do not play. You may breathe slowly and deeply! That's good for you!

Within the next 5 minutes the pup will do his business, and you tell him he's GOOD, and give him a treat! Then you have a little game with him, play for a moment, and after that, take him back inside!

Every time your pup eats a meal, or has a big drink, **within 5 or 10 minutes**, he will need to piddle or poo. Repeat the above routine!

Every time your pup has **played** for a while, he may want to piddle and poo, so again repeat the above routine.

When you are in the garden and the pup eliminates, (piddles or poos) Say GOOD and give him a treat!

Soon you will be able to recognize all the signals your pup gives when he "wants to go", so take him to his special spot and **just as he starts**, say the **words** that you want to be his special toileting word, such as "**Hurry Up**" or "**Sniff Along**" or "**Tinkle**" anything you like, **short, and distinct**, that he will learn to associate with toileting because once you have learned **his body language** for needing to toilet, you will use that word every time!

When he **performs** on **COMMAND**: **Say GOOD** and give him **3 treats!**

This is the time for baby talk, what a CLEVER puppy you are, clever baby!!

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From now on, when he goes on his own and piddles and poos in the garden or on his housebreaking spot, or when you take him there, and he performs, say GOOD and give him one treat.

All this time, you observe and you learn his body language that tells you he NEEDS to go NOW!

When you see the signals and give him his “command” to go, and he does, say GOOD and give him 3 treats! Time for sweet baby talk! After he had the good/food! One after the other, so it is a real special event! NOW you can tell him he’s clever!

He will not only be housebroken and know that when you see him “go”, he gets paid for it, but he will learn that if he goes when you ask him to, he gets THREE treats! He will think he has won a Jackpot! A good concept for potty training a pup!

CRATE TRAINING:

When you can not watch the puppy, he should be in a small area such as the laundry, with newspaper in one corner so he can go onto that, of course your little training pad, the house breaking aid, is better still.

Many of us will keep our pups confined in a crate to help house training. Dog crates are an ideal solution for the dog that needs to be alone for a couple of hours each day. As babies, they use it as their den and play pen.

Later on, it serves as the dog’s bed, as his safety haven, his den!

Every wolf has his den and every dog deserves one too!

You will find that he will LOVE his den, when you throw treats inside it, letting him gobble them up. His whole meal can be thrown into the crate, bit by bit, with him eating and coming out, and you throwing in another couple of morsels, he runs in, eats, and goes out, and more food, he races in, eats and comes out, some more food, shut the door, he eats, you open the door and invite him to come out, and so on, until all the meal has been eaten bit by bit meaning he has had at least 20 trips into his den and out again!

Soon he will just lie down in his crate and wait for you to throw in some food! When the pup is happy in his den, you can place the house training pad into one corner of the laundry, place his den near it, throw in his next meal and some chew toys and keep him in his den with the door closed for 5 minutes. It will only take him half the time to eat his treats, but he will most likely lie down for a snooze.

If he cries, ignore it. You are keeping him in there for only 5 minutes, and the moment he stops whining and tries to take a breath of air to yelp again, you say GOOD and give him a morsel of food because he STOPPED whining to breathe! YOU have to be that quick with the timing, and soon he will be content, knowing he gets super treats in the den.

When you let him out, take him straight to his training pad and keep him in the laundry until he has “performed” his toileting, or take him to the garden. Say GOOD as soon as he piddles or poos, and give him a treat!

Once he has learned his command word for “piddle and poo”, the ONE command for both will do, and he goes on command, he gets his 3 treat Jackpot!

Now he also gets his baby talk, what a CLEVER little puppy he is!

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Now you are ready to have him in his crate a little longer. You can leave it in the laundry, shut him into the crate with a **KONG**. He needs a Kong small enough to get his jaws around, so he can **chew and chew** and close his jaws and feel the Kong give a little. They come in tiny tyke size, that is small, through to medium and large, to super or King Kong size. Each dog needs a Kong of the correct size, so that he can get his jaws around it to chew on it for **hours and hours**. It makes the dog feel content to chew and chew, and **releases endorphins** that have a calming effect and create a feeling of **well being!**

To get the dog **started on the Kong**, buy yourself a **baby bottle brush**, so that you can **clean the Kong each day**, and now smear **Peanut Butter** or a trace of Vegemite inside the Kong. **Stuff it** with bits of cheese and biscuits, HIS biscuits, not ours, and dab a bit of peanut butter on the outside just to get him started, and there you have it, **HOURS of peace** and quiet with a **pup merrily chewing** on his Kong! **When he is teething**, and in the heat of summer, you can **keep it in the fridge** or even in the freezer to **soothe his aching gums** as well as giving him a longer chew fest with the frozen goodies not being licked and pushed and squeezed out as fast as the room temperature ones.

Give him the Kong when ever, and only, when you are **going to keep him confined** in his crate, and he will just **LOVE** to go into his den. Teach him a happy **“Go to bed!”** as you toss a **few bikkies** into the crate, and he will **RUN** into the crate, curl around and throw himself down, waiting for you to give him that **KONG!**

CONFINEMENT FOR SAFETY: If he is going to stay in there for a couple of hours while you **go shopping**, get him a heavy based, **very heavy** small and **deep drinking dish**, so he can lie there with his **head on the rim** without it tipping over, or **splash in feet first**, without it tipping over, but it means he has water on a hot day. OK, his towel gets wet, but it's hot, it'll dry soon!

He may have a **section of his training pad** in the rear section of the cage if you think he can't hold on for two hours, while you do your **household chores**, but he probably can, especially if you keep the crate near you, so you can watch him as he plays in his pen, and snoozes and chews, while you do your daily work, with him confined.

Take him out of the crate and to **his toilet every hour!** That way, he will soon get into the right routine! **Say GOOD** and give him **one bikkie when he widdles** or poos, and **THREE if he can do it on command!**

During all of this, **have FUN**, With your pup and **HAPPY TRAINING!**

You will marvel at the ease
With which your dog
will learn to please,
With HAPPY TRAINING!
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