

House training is a simple, step-by-step process. All you need to do is ensure that your dog is in one of three situations at all times during housetraining. He should be either outside with you, inside with your constant supervision, or confined in a small, puppy/dog proofed space such as a crate, a small room or a gated area.

Establish a routine:

- Take your dog outside frequently, especially after they wake up, eat, drink, or play.
- Pick a spot outside for your dog to use as their bathroom.
- If you take your dog outside and they are wandering around freely, and too distracted to eliminate. Take your dog to their bathroom spot on a leash.

Supervise your dog:

- Keep an eye on your dog during the day to prevent accidents. If an accident does happen, never scold or yell at your dog.
- Keep your dog on a leash so you can easily praise them when they go in the right place
- Reward your dog immediately after eliminating, by praising them and rewarding with a high value treat, (e.g. a piece of chicken).
- Use a verbal cue, like "toilet" or "go potty", when your dog starts to go.

Other tips:

- Interrupt your dog if they start to go in the wrong place, by picking them up and taking them outdoors. If it's a larger dog use some sort of prompting noise (e.g. a sound like "pup-pup", "eh-eh", clap your hands) to get them to disengage them from that behavior, which will allow you to engage by you stepping in to take them to the appropriate place to eliminate.
- Keep your dog's feeding schedule regular.
- Use potty pads if needed, but still supervising your puppy/dog.
- This video can also teach you how to potty train a puppy: <https://youtu.be/IGZ41LoWFmU>

Conclusion:

If you are training a puppy, remember that he hasn't been on this planet that long. If you are housetraining an adult dog, keep in mind that he has old habits to unlearn first, which is harder than learning the right behavior in the first place. In either case, with patience, consistency, and the ability to celebrate every improvement along the way are critical for success. It is encouraging to remember that a few months of effort can give you a lifetime of dry floors and clean carpets.