

House Training

House training is hard work, so I created this handy little chart, ready to print out and hang on the fridge, or somewhere else, where curious puppy-paws can't reach.

Leashed outings, or outings in smaller enclosed areas that are, well, boring maximize the success rate of potty training when going out

When indoors, free roam in safe or supervised rooms is preferable, compared to strict confinement in crates for example. This is because the more time the puppy spends in the areas it's supposed to be living in, the easier it will be for him to generalize all rooms and all floor textures as indoor areas.

Putting your dog on a feeding schedule will help you calculate the appropriate time for poop to exit during the day.

Got carpets? Waterproof sheets are great in a pinch. Goes directly into the washer.

Dogs normally have less need for potty trips during the night, but if in doubt, set a clock and be proactive instead of accidentally stepping in pee. Getting up for a planned potty break is generally less disruptive for a good night's sleep than having to clean the floor at 2am

Be proactive in general. We can't punish our way out of house training, nor should we try. Keep your eye on the good, and allow yourself a treat and some self-care along the way. You deserve it.

If your dog is peeing or pooping an abnormal amount, please go directly to your vet. UTIs and other intestinal problems can delay house training considerably, and no one deserves to deal with that frustration.

