

POTTY TRAINING SCHEDULE







Some people will need to change and adapt to suit the dog's habits. For example, some dogs will relieve themselves immediately after eating and drinking; others will wait half an hour or longer.

Once you learn how long your dog needs, you can adjust this schedule accordingly. Just be consistent and make sure everyone in the family is doing the same schedule.

The puppy should only be out of the crate when you are able to watch him/her closely.

As he/she matures and becomes more trustworthy, you can give him longer periods of freedom until he/she only needs to be confined to a crate when you go out.

ALWAYS TAKE YOUR PUPPY OUTSIDE:

-  As soon as he wakes up in the morning.
-  After every meal and drink of water.
-  After he awakens from a nap
-  Before any extra freedom period
-  After unusual excitement and/or long play periods
-  The last thing at night.

You may be taking your puppy out up to 10+ times a day during the first week, but once you have a routine you should be able to decrease this to 5-6 times a day.

8-10 WEEKS OLD

6:00am	Go out
6:10am	Free period in one room
6:30am	Food and water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food and water
7:00am	Go out
7:10am	Free period in one room
7:45am	Back in crate
10:45am	Go out; back in crate
12:45am	Go out; food & water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food & water. Then, all free period in one room.
1:15pm	Go out; back in crate
3:00pm	Go out; free period in one room
5:00pm	Food and water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food and water
5:30pm	Go out; free period in one room
6:15pm	Back in crate
8:00pm	Water in crate (no water after this point)
8:15pm	Go out
8:30pm	Free period in one room
9:00pm	Back in crate
11:00pm	Go out; back in crate
3:00am	Go out; back in crate

3-6 MONTHS OLD

7:00am	Go out
7:10am	Free Period
7:30am	Food & water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food & water
8:00am	Go out
8:15am	Free period
8:45am	Back in crate
12:30pm	Go out. Food & water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food & water.
12:45pm	Free period
1:00pm	Go out
1:15pm	Back in crate
5:00pm	Food & water in crate for 20 minutes; remove food & water
5:30pm	Go out
5:45pm	Free period
6:15pm	Back in crate
8:00 m	Water (in crate) – go out
8:15pm	Free period
9:30pm	Back in crate
11:00pm	Go out; crate overnight

6-12 MONTHS OLD

7:00am	Go out
7:15am	Free Period
8:00am	Food and water
8:30am	Go out
9:30am	Back in crate if leaving alone/time in one room if someone is home
12:30pm	Water and food
12:45pm	Go out.
1:45pm	Back in crate if leaving alone/time in one room if someone is home
5:45pm	Go out
6:00pm	Food and water
6:30pm	Go out
6:45pm	Free Period
10:30pm	Go out; crate overnight