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10 Tips for Houstraining Your Dog

Here are several tips to make you successful with houstraining your puppy:

1. Remember the golden rule – a puppy needs to go to his potty area after he sleeps, after he eats and after he plays. Dogs LOVE schedules. Keeping them on track will help eliminate surprises.
2. Supervise, Supervise, Supervise! Start with a small area such as a living room or kitchen so that you can catch accidents before they happen. SLOWLY increase the area the puppy is allowed to be in when he is successful! Going too far too fast will lead to the puppy ducking out-of-sight and having accidents.
3. Reward him with a treat, playtime or a walk AFTER he potties where you want, not before!
4. If you catch an accident happening, interrupt him with a loud noise, pick him up and take him to his potty area to finish. Reward him when he finishes his business in the correct place.
5. Crate training can assist your puppy to learn good houstraining habits as he does not want to eliminate where he sleeps. See the All Dawgs Training Services Crate Training ABC's handout.
6. Pick up his water dish one to two hours before bedtime to make him successful overnight.
7. Supervise all potty trips. Know exactly what he did rather than just assume his business was accomplished.
8. Watch for sniffing. Dogs often have to find the "right spot" to go. Use this to your advantage to get him outdoors in time!
9. Neutralize odors. Use a commercial enzymatic solution and clean up after every accident.
10. Keep a log. You will identify trends that will help your puppy be successful sooner. See the All Dawgs Training Services Houstraining Log.

Remember, patience is a virtue and essential in houstraining a puppy!

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