

Get Busy!

Simple ways to housetrain your dog.

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Routines vary from puppy to puppy, but up-and-out first thing in the a.m., after meals, naps and play sessions and every few hours during the day. Your pup needs to urinate and defecate on the last walk of the night if you hope to have a good night's sleep. In general, no water should be given to your pup after 7:00 p.m. unless it is the weather is hot.

Most puppies can be reliably housetrained by the age of 6 months but some take longer. Teach commands and reward your pup when it goes in the wanted areas to speed the housetraining process. As your pup squats to urinate say "hurry up" praise as the pup goes and reward with treat after it is done. Use "get busy" for defecation and again lavish praise and reward when the pup finishes the act. Most pups can be taught to relieve themselves on command.