

Learning Word Associations

Using word commands helps your puppy learn faster.

Use the same word (command) for each behavior every time you teach it, adding food rewards and verbal praise to reinforce the positive behavior. Pup will make the connection and will be motivated to repeat the action when he hears those key words. For example, when teaching pup to potty outside, use the same potty term (Go potty, Get busy or Hurry up are commonly used) each time he eliminates, adding a Good boy! while he's urinating or emptying his bowels. Pup will soon learn what those trips outside are for.

Next Step: Puppy Training Principles

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