

Congratulations on Your New Puppy!



### SMART IDEAS FOR HOusetRAINING :

🐾 Dogs are inherently clean animals. Use a crate to exploit puppy's instinct to keep his bed clean. (See Crate Training Tips)

🐾 Use a long-term confinement area for times that are longer than puppy can 'hold it'. Create an area with paper/turf or other desirable material to urinate on.

🐾 Some likely elimination times are:

First thing in the morning  
After eating  
After waking from a nap  
After playing  
Last thing before bed



🐾 Always accompany puppy to eliminate – YEP, GO WITH HER rather than sending her out so:

You know whether she's gone or not.  
You can reward at the right instant (praise while going and small food treat immediately after)

🐾 Ideally go to the same spot when she is learning to eliminate, or at least to the same type of surface (grass).

Praise and reward all outdoor elimination at first (you can slack off later)

🐾 If puppy doesn't eliminate on any particular outing put her in her crate for 10 to 20 minutes with a Kong to prevent an accident (puppy is full or nearly full) then try again. (make sure not to let puppy out during a barking episode – see Crate Training Tips)

🐾 If you catch your dog eliminating in the house calmly redirect him outside. If he finishes outside – give praise and treats. If you miss catching an accident NEVER punish. There is zero connection to what he did when you were not around.

If you have any questions please call Smart Dog Training at 893-2275