

Puppy Training Guide:

Tips and Tricks to Training and Housetraining Your New Puppy

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Introduction

Puppies are fuzzy bits of pure love. Puppies are energy in motion, they are either engaged in serious playtime or they are sleeping, puppies never seem to slow stop or stop unless it is nap time and then you are left to stare at your sleeping puppy wondering how something so small can have so much energy, and often, be so destructive!

With a little bit of knowledge and some patience your squirmy puppy will turn out to be a well-behaved, loyal, and loving companion.

Puppies are full of curiosity and it is that curiosity that normally gets puppies in trouble with their owners.

Puppies are not trying to be bad, they are just new to the world and trying to figure everything out the only way they know how to, which is usually be tasting it.

Puppies love to explore things with their mouths, if they can get it in their mouth, they will chew.

Playful puppies will also knock things off of tables, especially taller puppies that can knock things down with their tails

The best defense against puppy damage is to puppy proof your house or apartment. This will not only protect your things, but will be healthier to the puppy, sometimes they get into things that will hurt them.

A big danger to puppies is that they like to chew on electrical cords, because electrical cords are on the ground usually, and a puppy is not much taller, they make tempting things for puppies to chew on.

It is very common to see a puppy with burns on their mouth because they chewed through an electrical cord, not only will chewing on the cord burn or even kill a puppy, but it could start a fire as well.

If you have a room with lots of cords, such a computer room, or media room, you might want to just restrict access to that room so your puppy cannot get in.

Either keep doors shut or you can put up a baby gate. You can buy covers for electrical cords as well that will protect the cord from being chewed on.

If you have something breakable on a shelf that is at puppy height, move it higher. Just like toddlers, puppies will want to play with anything they can reach and if a puppy knocks

over something that is breakable, the pieces can cut their paw pads, or if they try to eat the pieces, cut up their mouths.

Do not leave appliances like irons, curling irons, or straightening irons plugged in without you being in the room.

If the puppy goes to play with the cord, they will knock the hot object down onto themselves.

Another danger is the cords for blinds, mini-blinds, or drapes; a dangling cord will be an enticing toy to a puppy that can get caught and choke in the cord or chew part of it off and swallow it.

Never leave medication out where a puppy can get access to it. They will chew through the boxes and the foil packets and most human medication can be extremely harmful or fatal to puppies.

Same with cleaning supplies, make sure that all household chemicals and cleaners are out of reach of the puppy.

You might have to put child safety latches on your cabinets if your puppy has figured out how to get into cabinets.

Make sure that you have no toxic chemicals in your garage where the puppy can get to them,

such as antifreeze, keep all supplies in a cabinet, or up out of reach.

Your puppy will need some basic supplies, such as toys, chew toys, food, a bed, crate, or kennel, a blanket, food and water dishes and puppy food.

You should already have these supplies on hand before you buy the puppy. You should get a puppy collar and a short leash as well and might want to consider getting a microchip in case your puppy is ever lost.

Basics of Puppy Ownership

Part of the magic of owning a puppy is that you will bond with the puppy, and the more love you give and the more time you spend with your puppy, the stronger that bond will be.

Your puppy will love and respect you, so you should always treat your puppy with nothing less than the best that you can offer, which is to love your puppy and spend time with them.

You will need to groom your puppy, exercise your puppy, train your puppy, and just spend time in general with your puppy.

If you have not got a lot of time to spend with a puppy, perhaps a puppy is not for you, they need love and affection from their owners, especially as puppies, when the bonding process works the best.

A few do's and don'ts of owning a puppy:

Do make sure that you puppy knows when it is showing correct behavior by showing love, attention and lots of praise. If your puppy plays with his toys at playtime instead of your slippers, make sure that the puppy knows that they made the right choice by praising the puppy, same for each time your puppy goes to

the bathroom in the right spot, or just is behaving in general.

Do help your puppy learn to be housetrained by picking one spot for housetraining and sticking to that spot. Instead of taking puppy to different parts of the yard to go, always take your puppy to one spot, or if you are using puppy pee pads, always keep the pads in the same spot. Changing up where you puppy goes potty at will only confuse them and cause more accidents.

Do have plenty of toys on hand of several varieties for your puppy, including chew toys. If your puppy is chewing on something they should not be, tell them no, and give them a chew toy, praise them when they begin to chew on the toy instead.

Do not encourage your puppy to play with your hands or feet as toys, this will only tell your puppy that biting is acceptable and although tiny puppy teeth do not hurt, it will hurt when the puppy grows up. It is best to train you puppy that they are never to nip or bite at hands or feet.

Do not allow your puppy to get away with behavior that you do not want them doing when they are fully-grown. For example, you might think it is cute to let your tiny puppy

sleep on the bed, but not a full-grown dog, but if you let your puppy do it, they will not understand why they cannot do it once they get older. For the sake of your sanity and to save a lot of frustration do not let your puppy get away with things unless you do not mind that same behavior in your adult dog.

Do not give your puppy attention for behaving wrong; the best course of action is to ignore the puppy. Otherwise, the puppy will realize that by behaving wrong, they will at least some attention. Shower your puppy with praise when they are behaving well and ignore them when they are not.

Just like with humans, the types of food that a puppy gets will make a difference with your puppy's health.

The better quality of food you feed your puppy, the better their health will be. You can talk to your veterinarian or a pet store associate as to the best kind of puppy food to give your puppy.

There are many choices of types of food, so many so that it can seem overwhelming. In order to avoid processed and artificial ingredients we suggest that you feed your puppy food that is all natural ingredients and avoid the cheapest brand out there, stick with

brands that are well known and that have a good reputation.