



Potty training

Always be able to answer the question “Where’s the Dog?”

1. Supervision

Where’s the dog? With you – closely supervised. He’s not out of your sight pooping or peeing.

2. Safely Confined

Where’s the dog? He’s safe and secure in his crate or behind a baby gate in a non-carpeted area. He’s not out wandering around making a mess.

3. Reinforcing Outside

Where’s the dog? He’s with you outside doing his business in the proper place. You’re there on the spot to praise and treat him (three treats) as soon as he’s done “going.”

Clean up the mess. If you are in public this is a Houston ordinance punishable by fine.

DO NOT IMMEDIATELY REQUIRE YOUR DOG TO COME INSIDE after eliminating. Play or take a walk together. Your dog might have to go again (and you can reinforce that again).

Catching mistakes

Ignore mistakes you didn’t see happen. They are ancient history to your dog. Interrupt mistakes you see. Joyfully take your dog outside.

Never scold or yell at your dog. This could make your dog shy about eliminating in front of you and slow the process.

Knowing when to go

Try often. We are always looking for opportunities to reinforce this good behavior.

Always take the dog out immediately after: waking up, eating, or playing.