

House Breaking Your Dog.

Lets discuss the Equipment you will need to properly House Break your dog. First you will need to purchase a create, these can be found at your Pet Store, Wal-Mart, Farm Supply Stores. Some are called {Flight Kennels} or Collapsible Wire Creates. You will also need a leash that is no longer than 6 feet long, and a collar for your dog. Hopefully your dog is use to the leash and collar.

The create you purchase should be large enough that your dog can stand up in the create and turn around and lie down and be comfortable. Once you have a create at your home you should begin create training. Create training can take a day or days depending on your dogs age. The create should become a pleasant experience for your dog, and training should go through small steps to accomplish this experience.

Create training should be done when you have a weekend to spend with your dog, and start the house breaking training. Put the create in an area of your house where you family will be spending some time.

I put a towel in the create so the dog is comfortable. I will than take my dog to the create with the door open, and drop some food treats just inside the door, and use the command kennel when the dog goes into the create. I will continue this until the dog will walk into the create to get the treats. If for some reason your dog does not like treats, than use there favorite toy, throwing the toy inside the create until the dog goes inside and plays with the toy, by bringing the toy in and out of the create.

I will than start feeding the dog in and around the create, so the experience is pleasant to your dog. Once I can place the dog food dish all the way into the create and the dog will enter and eat the food you are doing well with this training.

The dog experiences the create as a pleasant experience and not punishment. You set different times that your dog will stay in the create, start with 30 minutes and increase your times. You now are on your way to start house breaking your dog. First this must be uniform and you have the time to do this training.

Place your dog on leash and tell your dog outside and walk to the door you will use to let him out on leash. Take your dog outside and to the spots that you prefer the dog to go to the bathroom at. When your dog uses the bathroom tell them in a happy voice {"good outside"} you should praise your dog for the command outside when they use the bathroom. After your dog has used the

bathroom and is done, take the dog back into the house on leash, and straight to the kennel and use the command kennel.

Once the dog is in the kennel take the leash off and give your dog a food treat or play toy. Remember this must be uniform training for the next three to four days. Depending on the dog I will usually have them stay in the crate for 45 minutes to an hour while I am doing something else and checking on the dog. I then will get the dog out on leash and repeat the same steps again. Place the dog on leash before leaving the crate, walk towards the same door and say outside {"in a happy voice"} take the dog to its preferred bathroom spots and again say outside, wait for the dog to use the bathroom, And then {"happy voice praise for the bathroom"}. After completion of the dogs task walk back into the house and play with the dog with there favorite toy on leash only, and a short time period, place the dog back into the crate by using the command kennel and a food treat or toy for completing the task.

You will be able to see and judge the time spans as the day go on for your dogs time in the crate and out of the crate.

This is your first day of house breaking and crate training so take it easy and take your time, patience is everything in dog training.

Normally when house breaking I will not give the dog food or water after 8:00 In the evening. I will also continue my task of housebreaking taking the dog outside at different time spans, and right before I go to bed. Using the same steps as before.

I will normally set my alarm to get up around 3:00 am and using the same steps takes the dog outside to complete the task. You will be the judge of the time spans your dog is able to stay in the house without using the bathroom. Usually after three to four days you will be able to stop the getting up around 3:00 am as the dog becomes comfortable with your training and times.

I also do not take the dog off leash to perform this task until I have taught my Dog some obedience tasks. Such as {"sit, come when called"} these two commands are important and should be the first commands taught your dog as you are teaching the task "{House breaking"}

Depending on the age of your dog, your dog may Start whining in the crate. Sometimes this is hard to determine if it's for attention or wanting to use The bathroom. {"Never reward your dog for whining in the crate"} Just ignore the dog if you can. Usually if it's for whining the dog will stop it In a short period of time. If the dog does not stop it use your command {"outside"}

And see if the dog responds by being happy, if so take the dog outside using the steps we talked about. And keep the task at hand, complete the bathroom task outside,

Not play time. After the task you can play, once back into the house. Then when you are ready to place the dog up, back onto the leash and the command {"Kennel"} into the crate with a treat or play toy. Be careful with play toys, purchase toys that the dog cannot swallow, or chew up into small pieces.

You should now be on your way to completing your house breaking tasks. Remember some take longer others complete this task in a few days. When you encounter problems, remember go back to the first steps of the training process, do not be afraid to back up, your dog will remember the task, and start doing better.

Remember keep it all uniform and spread out your times that work for your dog.

I hope this information has helped you and your family, it is important to have a happy dog in your house.

Thank You

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