



HOUSETRAINING TIPS

Crate

A puppy must be crated whenever members of the household are unable to actively supervise, sleeping, etc. This will force King to hold on to ensure a success outside at a later time. If King is soiling his crate, the likelihood is that the crate is too large and he has the ability to use a part of the crate as a toilet.

Schedule

Provide King with a set schedule for eating and for going outside. If away for longer than four hours, ask another party come to the house to take King outside. Optimally, there is always someone at home during the housetraining period. Below is a typical puppy potty schedule:

- First thing in the morning
- A few minutes after each meal. This is often when puppies will have a bowel movement.
- Every hour on the hour. Take King outside on leash for five minutes in a small area. Always return to the same spot so he begins to associate the area with its purpose. Don't interact with King. When he has gone potty, lavish him with a special treat used only during potty training and give him lots of praise. Have a play period once King is finished. If nothing happens after five minutes, bring King back into the house and crate him or place him in a confinement area for another 30 minutes, then try again. If King eliminate this time, he may have a free period in the kitchen or confinement area, or, better yet, a nice walk. This acts as an added bonus for performing.
- During the night - young puppies may need to go out at least once during the night.
- If King doesn't eliminate on any particular outing, try again an hour later

Most importantly, praise and reward King every time he goes potty in the right spot. Using a special treat exclusively for the potty training process will encourage him to eliminate outside. Potty Time should be Party Time for King every time he is successful.

Good Observing Skills

King will give off signals that he needs to eliminate. It's essential to learn what these are to prevent mistakes. Common behaviors include circling, restlessness and sniffing. Whenever these actions are noticed, take King outside.

Patience

Most puppies will have accidents, especially in the beginning of house training. If King is caught beginning to eliminate inside the house, interrupt him by saying "Ah! Ah! Let's go outside!" at the start of any mistakes indoors. This should prevent King from finishing. Urgently say "outside" and then place King outside as quickly as possible. Stay outside five minutes and praise and treat if he finishes eliminating. If not, bring King back inside and either supervise or crate him for another try later.

If King has an accident in the house or in the crate and it wasn't witnessed, it's futile and even detrimental to punish him after the fact. Simply clean up the spot and then apply a commercial odor neutralizer.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do I do if there is no one to come home while I'm at work to let King outside after four hours?

A: Try to find a doggy daycare, dog walker, or neighbor that can take King outside to potty.

Q: I follow the schedule but King still urinates several times an hour in the house. Is he normal?

A: Have a veterinarian check whether King has a urinary tract infection.

Restrict King's access to the house to allow for better supervision. After two or three weeks with no accidents whatsoever, add one extra room of house and supervise closely. If King is successful, add another room every two or three weeks. Beginning at age three months, gradually extend the duration between outings - add one half hour every week or two. If King begins having accidents, back off and do more frequent outings for a couple of weeks, then try again.