

The Focus Guide to Toilet Training



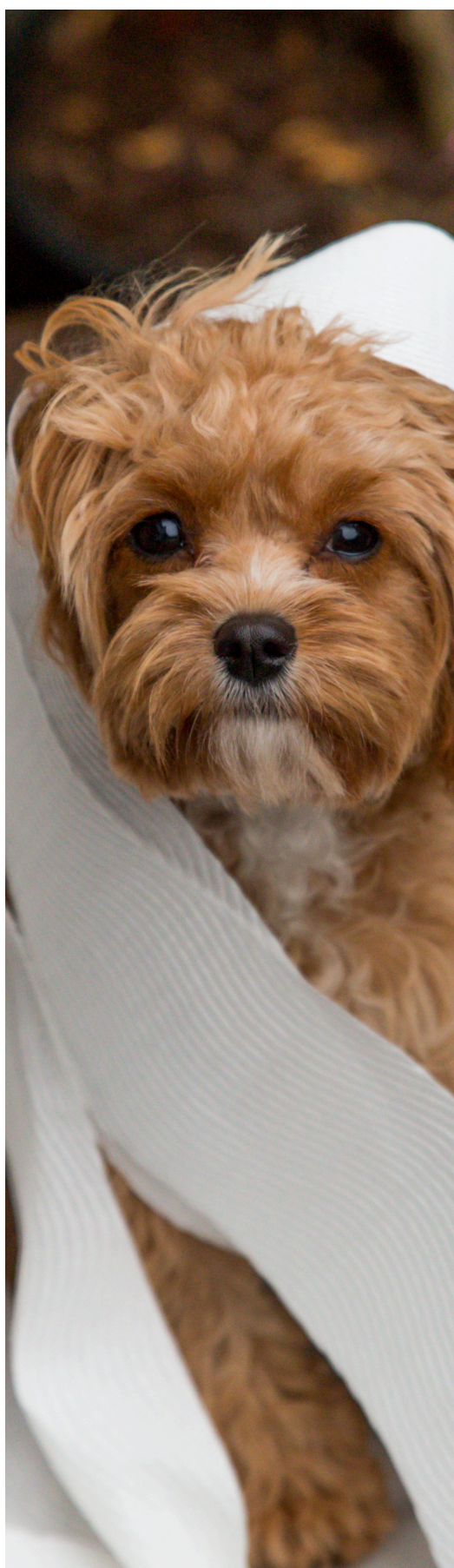


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Top Tips

“The key to toilet training is consistency.”

Start as you mean to go on

Toilet training should start as soon as your puppy comes home. What they learn first they learn best!

Prep your treats

Have some treats ready to reward your dog for toileting outside. You may want to keep these by the back door, or if you've got a sturdy enough container keep them outside. Make sure to give your puppy the treats outside rather than waiting until they've come back in.

Keep inside and outside separate

It can be tempting to just leave the door open for puppies, especially in the summer months. But it's easier for them to differentiate between 'toilet zone' and non toilet zone if we keep the door closed.

Be Prepared

We recommend using crates or pens with wipable floors for when you need to take your eyes off them. Make sure you have some enzymatic cleaner on hand! If the area still smells like pee or poop puppy will be more likely to toilet in that spot again.

Toilet Training 101

O1 Set your alarm

When your puppy is awake, take them outside every hour to give them a chance to toilet. In between those times, if they have eaten, drank, got excited, or played, take them out immediately after.

O2 Throw a party the best party ever!

Let your puppy know they've got it right by rewarding them for going to the toilet outside. Make it rain treats and give them plenty of verbal praise to show them they've made a fabulous choice. The better the reward is when they go outside the more likely they are to want to go outside in future.

Make sure they get the reward outside! Don't wait until they've come back inside to reward them

O3 Predict when your puppy is about to go to the toilet

Watch them carefully, they will likely sniff the ground or start circling when they're about to go, if you see that happen get them outside as quickly as possible! If they suddenly break off from play this could also be a sign they need to go.

O4 Take them outside on a lead when you want them to toilet.

Puppies will often get distracted by leaves, sniffs, birds, you name it, popping them on a lead to toilet helps reduce thier choices and will save you standing outside in the cold in your pjs while they run around digging up your flower beds.

Remember...

It's really important not to punish your puppy if they do have an accident inside.

We promise they're not doing it on purpose. If you do punish them, they'll learn to hide it from you and you'll end up finding secret wees and poos behind the sofa! If they do have an accident inside, simply clean it up with as little fuss as possible and remember to watch them a little closer next time.

It's important to use the right cleaner. Look for an enzymatic cleaner designed specifically for pets toileting accidents.





Why we don't recommend puppy pads

Puppy pads used to be the most popular way to toilet train puppies but they can make the process more difficult in the long run.

Puppy pads teach puppies to toilet in the house, which is the last thing we want.

Transitioning from the pads to outside can be tricky and your pup may go in search of other soft surfaces to toilet on inside.

What's gone wrong?

Sometimes things don't go to plan. If puppy is still having accidents and we can't work out why, collecting some data will hopefully help you figure out if there are any patterns

What time of day did the accident happen?	Where did the accident happen?	What happened just before they had an accident?	How long had it been since their last wee/poo