



DOG TRAINING CLASSES

The Animal Welfare League holds regular classes for both adult dogs and puppies at very reasonable prices (discounted for animals adopted from the League). For information on class training contact staff.

The staff at the Animal Welfare League are available to give telephone advice to help you through those first few weeks with your new dog.

Please request to speak to any of our experienced dog trainers should you need assistance with any problems you may encounter while the dog is settling in to his/her new home.



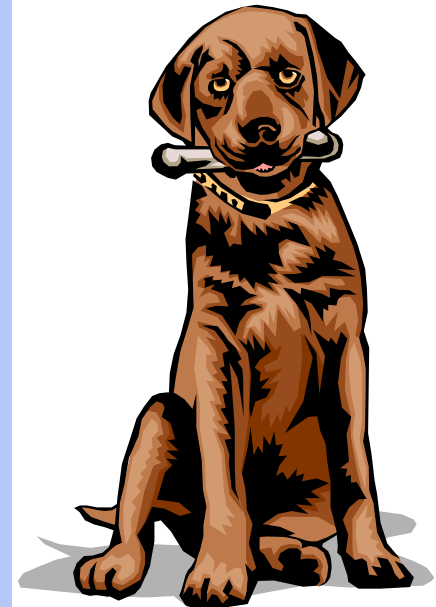
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HOUSE TRAINING

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Puppies do not have full control of their bladder until they are about 12 weeks of age, so do not expect your puppy to be fully house-trained before this.

THE GOLDEN RULES

Supervise your puppy at all times when he/she is in the house. This means having him/her being present in the same room as you. Do not give the puppy free access to the house.

Take the puppy out every two hours to the place you want toileting to occur and stay with him/her for a few minutes. If the puppy toilets then praise and/or give the puppy a treat and take him/her back inside. If not, go back inside and watch carefully.

Take the puppy out after sleeping, play sessions and eating and stay with the puppy. Praise profusely if he/she eliminates.

If you are unable to supervise, keep the dog outside or confined to a small area.

If you catch the puppy toileting in the wrong place **DO NOT REPRIMAND**. Just a gentle “ah-ah” or handclap to distract the puppy and then take him/her outside.

Praise if he/she toilets outside. If you do punish you are effectively teaching your puppy not to go to the toilet outside in front



of you, so you will not be able to praise and show him/her the correct place to go.

If you find an accident inside, do not rub your puppy’s nose in it or reprimand the puppy at all. He/she **WILL NOT** know what the punishment is for.



The guilty look is an appeasement gesture, not an admission of guilt! You do not train a child where to go to the toilet by rubbing his/her nose in the dirty nappy and there’s no need to train a dog that way! It will actually slow the learning process down as it is very stressful and a stressed dog will learn a lot slower than a relaxed dog.

You should have a reasonably well house-trained dog after about two weeks. If there is a long history of accidents inside or the puppy has been punished when being toilet trained it will take longer.

If your puppy is having lots of accidents inside then smack yourself for not supervising well enough!