

Housetraining with puppy pads

Puppies are not yet able to hold their pee for very long. Often they need to pee almost every 30 minutes. Especially after sleeping, eating and playtime it's a good idea to take your little friend outside. Fortunately, there are some useful tools that help you make potty training easier and more pleasant.

What are puppy pads and why are they so useful?



There are many useful tools that help you to housetrain your puppy quickly. Puppy pads (also called training mats) and a training spray are great ways to gradually housetrain your puppy, while your interior stays dry and clean. Puppy pads absorb urine and have a waterproof bottom layer. That makes them easy to clean up. Very useful when you struggle getting your pup out on time, e.g. at night, when you live in an apartment or when you have to go to work.

How to use puppy pads?

Position the puppy pad where your puppy is allowed to do his business. Overtime, move the pad closer to the door and eventually outside, where your pup will have to go to do his business. As long as your furry friend is not potty trained yet, you can also put the pads in the crate to keep his safe spot clean for longer. Or create a real dog toilet with a puppy pad holder that is specially designed to keep the pads in place.



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- A dog basket or cushion
- A crate
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- Training pads
- Training spray
- A feeding and drinking bowl
- Toys. Lots of toys!
- A collar and/or harness
- A leash and/or retractable leash
- Poop bags and poop bag holders

- Puppy shampoo
- A puppy comb or brush
- Anti-flea treatment e.g. flea collar/comb or spray (or get in touch with your vet to get advice on the best flea prevention and treatment for your puppy)
- Everything you need to transport your loving companion (transport box/ car seat cover/safety belt ...)
- Puppy food
- Training snacks
- Chewing snacks
- First-aid kit, including or supplemented by tick tweezers and nail scissors



Optional items for your puppy:

- A dog coat or sweater (depending on the breed)
- A dog house or outdoor run
- Dog kennel for indoor or outdoor use
- A poop scooper
- A doormat or microfibre towel to keep your puppy's paws clean
- A dog barrier
- A dog step to get on the sofa or bed
- A blanket for your little friend to lie on the sofa
- A carrying bag/buggy (in the beginning your puppy won't be able to walk all by himself)
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