



## **HOUSETRAINING YOUR PUPPY**

Houstraining a puppy requires time, patience and commitment. Every puppy will have an accident in the house (possibly several). This is part of raising a puppy and should be expected. It may take several weeks to houstrain your puppy. Smaller breeds may take a little longer. The following procedures can help you with the houstraining process.

### **Establish a routine**

Take your puppy out on a consistent and frequent schedule. Always take him out after napping, playing, and eating.

Always take him out the same door and keep his crate close to the door so he doesn't have an accident on the way outside.

Praise and treat your puppy every time he eliminates outside. You must praise and treat him immediately after he is finished. Do not wait until he comes inside.

Feed puppy on a schedule. Do not leave food down all day. Puppies usually have to go outside after they finish eating. Keeping the puppy on a schedule helps him get into a routine, which makes house training easier for both of you.

### **Supervise**

Always supervise your puppy. He should be watched at all times. If he can sneak off out of your sight, he might have an accident. The idea is not to give him the opportunity. Use baby gates to keep him confined in the same room as you. If this is not possible you can keep him on a long leash. When he is in the house and out of his crate playing he should be taken out every hour. If you are unable to keep an eye on him, he should be in his crate.

## **Accidents**

They will happen! It is all part of houstraining. The only way to correct the puppy is to catch him in the act. When you do catch him, interrupt him, pick him up and carry him outside and praise him for urinating or defecating outside. Do not punish him after the fact. If he has soiled and is off doing something else, it is too late to correct the mistake. Do not go and get him and punish him for what he did earlier. The puppy will not understand why he is being punished. This can cause him to be fearful of you.

It is very important to supervise or confine your puppy at all times. This will minimize the number of accidents and make houstraining easier for both you and your new puppy.