

House Training Recommendations:

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Best advice ever was from a trainer. This had our 4-month old puppy fully potty trained in a week. Reasonable expectation is a puppy should be able to hold it for 1 hour per month of age.

- 1 - NEVER punish, yell at, or chastise a dog for having an accident.
- 2 - Keep the dog on a leash at all times until they can be trusted.
- 3 - Take the dog out every hour, 20 minutes after every meal, and immediately after playtime.
- 4 - Take the dog to the same spot each time and use a verbal command such as, "Go Potty."
- 5 - If the dog goes potty, throw a party - give lots of treats, love, and attention.
- 6 - If the dog does not go potty, bring back inside and try again in another 20 minutes.
- 7 - Keep the dog on a leash and in your sight at all times. If you cannot watch the dog, it should be put in a crate or in a place where you don't mind if it has an accident.

Other Resources:

<http://www.drjensdogblog.com/to-pee-or-not-to-pee-housetraining-demystified/>

<https://www.clickertraining.com/housetraining>

<http://www.springforthdog.com/providence/blog/restricting-water-intake/>