

Mop away those puppy puddle blues

Sixth in a series.

Housebreaking a puppy can be successfully and quickly accomplished, if you make yourself work consistently for a short time.

Dogs and cats are among the few animals which can be housetrained. This is because they are den animals. Wolves, foxes and wild dogs do not soil their living quarters. Horses, birds and other animals live in the open, and therefore, have no natural desire to live in clean surroundings.

Add to a dog's natural desire to be clean, his desire to please his master, and you can see that any young puppy will become toilet trained as soon as he understands what is expected of him.

Once again the lightweight rope tied to the puppy's collar is of great help. The rope will keep the pup under control anytime he is not in his pen.

AS YOU TAKE the dog out to the yard, tell him he is going outside. Stress the word "outside," repeating it every time you go out.

Later he will tell you when he wants to go outside by lying beside the door or

barking. When you take your dog out, go to the same area of the yard each time. This will be a convenience for you, and the pup can learn to use one corner of the yard with no extra training.

Tell puppy to "use his paper" in his special place while out of doors and praise him when he has performed. It's important that you use the same words, at all times while training your puppy and always praise him *loosely*. As soon as you have praised puppy, take him inside immediately to reinforce his outside performance.

If you wish to take the pup back outside, remain inside for a few minutes then go back out of doors.

NEVER JUST PUT the pup out. This would defeat your purpose, as he must receive praise as well as instruction to know his behavior is correct. You must always take your dog to his spot and urge him to "use his paper." When he does, always compliment the puppy to show your approval.

Many people think their puppy will catch cold if he is put outside in cold or

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By JERRY CLIMER

rainy weather. Unless the pup is a very small toy breed, or in poor health, you need not worry. By the time they leave the litter puppies have warm coats and can take cold weather better than people. In fact, the puppy might perform faster outside if he is anxious to get out of the snow or rain.

WHEN YOUR PUPPY has an accident inside of the house, pick him up and firmly say "No, no, outside, outside," and immediately take him out the door.

Once out of doors, again tell pup to "use his paper." At this time, you need not stay out of doors long as the pup only needs to have the idea reinforced

by the correction you have just made. Puppy should not be yelled at or hit. Training takes patience, practice and praise.

Promptly clean up any accident inside your home. Wash the spot with soap and water several times. It also helps to neutralize the area with some ammonia and water or vinegar and water.

Remember your puppy has a fantastic nose that can smell one part of urine in 60 million parts of water. If he smells urine on a spot in the house, he will likely wet on that spot again if possible.

When all else fails, place a chair or footstool over the spot the dog has wet upon and leave it for a few weeks. Hopefully the dog will forget about that area.

Putting yourself and the dog on a schedule for a few weeks will speed up the training process. Take him outside after every meal, once an hour, when you are home, and before bedtime.

As my reward for training Killy and Libra correctly, I can now take the dogs on a trip, stop the car and say "use your paper." Within a few minutes they do their duty, jump back in and away we go.

Puppies who are alone all day will take a little longer to train, but don't give up. Work a little harder on weekends and be consistent with his discipline when you are home.

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