

ALDAR'S BULLDOGS

HOUSEBREAKING THE EASY WAY and PUPPY PLAYTIME

There are 4 basic rules to follow-the first one being the most important.

1. Praise is more effective than punishment.
2. Pups will usually relieve themselves within 20 minutes after eating and every half hour thereafter.
3. Pups prefer not to mess in their sleeping area but if it becomes the norm it could be hard to break the habit.
4. Scent will draw a dog back to re-use a spot that was previously used.

As soon as your puppy finishes his meal, take him outside to your pre-selected spot. Then wait, it won't take long. When he relieves himself in the proper spot let him know how very pleased you are with his incredible intelligence. Use lots of praise. Make a fool of yourself over all of his simple achievements. Laugh and smile and get excited with him. The more enthusiasm you use in training, the quicker he will learn.

We use the same word every time (ie "do your business"). This helps when travelling with him so that he knows what you are expecting of him. Always take your pup out the last thing at night and the first thing in the morning. Confine the pup in a relatively small area for the night. Accidents DO happen and never punish the pup for a transgression if he has diarrhea. Watch him all of the time: you can usually tell when he has to relieve himself. They will get very intent with their sniffing and sometimes begin turning in a circle. Time to run. Remember, lots of praise, and a watchful eye, and you should have your puppy housetrained in no time at all.

Puppyhood should be a time of playing and running and of exercise-mentally and physically. It is very important to avoid any sense of failure and to instill confidence in your puppy.

Puppy Playtime!

Puppies need playthings just like babies. Puppies teeth and want to chew but always keep safety in mind. Not everything on the market is appropriate for your pet. They can swallow items and it can be deadly for them. Hard rubber rings, bones or balls are preferred to the cheap spongy rubber items that shred easily and can be torn up and swallowed. When buying squeaky toys or things with bells inside, check that your pup won't be able to dislocate the squeakers or bells easily (by chewing up the outside)-these toys should be durable. Puppies like to chew especially when teething and hard nylon bones are one of the safest, and longest lasting things they can gnaw on. Another preferred chew toy is the old fashioned bone. You can purchase these from a pet show (smoked real bones) or from the butcher shop. They love the ones with the marrow in it. This is excellent for their teeth and will keep them interested for a least 2 weeks. It is very economical as well. NO chicken, fish or pork bones that can splinter and stick in the throat or puncture the intestine walls.

You can improvise toys for your dog too. Stuff an old sock and knot it in the middle and end to make a play animal. Or a sock simply stuffed with paper can made a nice noisy toy to scrunch. Many things can be turned into toys with a little imagination. But no matter what the toys, your dog's favourite moments of playtime will be those he shares with you!!