



Housebreaking Schedule

Just like kids, puppies will learn to regulate their bladders at different ages: some are quick to pick it up, others take a while. The process of housetraining a dog or puppy is just that: you're teaching them to leave the "den" -- the inside of your home -- to go outside to eliminate.

If you're consistent, watch your dog carefully and keep him confined to small quarters or a crate when you're not home, you'll get your point across faster.

Remember to use one door when possible and to hang a bell by the door to allow your dog to alert you when he has to get outside or to his potty area.

Here's a generic schedule; you can modify it to suit your timetable.

The Age-to-Outside Ratio Chart

Age	Number of Outings Per Day
7 to 14 weeks	8 to 10 potty breaks
14 to 20 weeks	6 to 8 potty breaks
20 to 30 weeks	4 to 6 potty breaks
30 weeks to adult	3 to 4 potty breaks

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House Training For At-Home People

Even if you're home all day, it's important to maintain a resting and housebreaking schedule. This helps you and your pup establish a routine, an important part of potty training.

Time of Day	Potty Time
Early morning wake-up	Go outside/papers
Breakfast	Go outside/papers after eating
Play and interaction	Go outside/papers*
Mid-morning nap	Go outside/papers after rest period
Afternoon feeding	Go outside/papers after eating
Play and interaction	Go outside/papers after play*
Mid-afternoon nap or rest	Go outside/papers after rest period
Dinnertime (4:00 to 6:00 PM)	Go outside/papers after eating
Play and interaction	Go outside/papers after play*
Early evening (7:30 PM)	Remove water, take quick potty run*
Before Bed	Go outside
Middle of the night	If necessary

* You may eliminate some walks as your pup matures.

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House Training For The Home-Along Dog

A young puppy cannot manage more than 4 hours of isolation without a potty break. Hire a dog walker or look into Doggie Daycare if you're not able to make it in mid-day. If necessary, use a puppy playpen to allow your dog the freedom to stretch and potty when you're away.

Time of Day	Potty Time
Early morning wake-up	Go outside/papers
Breakfast	Go outside/papers after eating
Play and interaction	Go outside/papers*
Mid-morning isolation	Go outside/papers when you get back
Afternoon feeding	Go outside/papers after eating
Play and interaction	Go outside/papers after play*
Mid-afternoon isolation	Go outside/papers after rest period
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