



Puppy Toilet Training Guide (8–10 Weeks)

Toilet training starts as soon as your puppy is old enough to walk. At 8–10 weeks, they won't be fully trained yet, but with the right foundation they will quickly learn good habits. Here's a step-by-step routine you can follow at home.

1. Create a Toilet Area

Choose a consistent spot (grass, turf mat, or puppy pad). Keep it separate from where your puppy sleeps, eats, and plays.

2. Establish a Toilet Schedule

Take your puppy to the toilet area immediately after waking up, after meals, after play, every 1–2 hours while awake, and right before bed.

3. Use Positive Reinforcement

Praise or reward your puppy as soon as they finish toileting in the right spot. Keep it happy and encouraging. Never punish accidents.

4. Supervise Closely

Watch for signs such as sniffing, circling, or whining. Quickly guide your puppy to the toilet area if you notice these cues.

5. Manage the Environment

When unsupervised, use a crate or playpen with bedding and a toilet pad at the other end. Clean accidents with an enzymatic cleaner to remove odour.

6. Build Consistency

Stick to the same daily routine. Use a toilet cue word like 'toilet' or 'wee-wee'. By 10 weeks, most puppies start linking the cue with the action.

Expected Progress

By 8–10 weeks, your puppy should prefer toileting in a designated area, be on a routine, and start responding to a toilet cue. With consistency, most puppies achieve good toilet training habits by 16–20 weeks.