

Housebreaking

This is so important in the beginning. Once done right, you'll never have to worry. Despite what all the other books say, which we found to be not quite right, housebreaking a little dog is a whole new story.

First, Establish your routine. This involves you and other family members. We are creating a Task Chart for this soon. But, for now, you'll need to schedule who does what & when. Puppies need to get back on track w/ going on newspapers. Puppies are going regularly on newspapers here. But, once they get into a new home....we think- they think they can do whatever. Everything is different for them and everyone is loving them up may distract them from what they're used to. So, don't let those big brown eyes fool you. They need your loving along w/ training from the get go.

Housebreaking. (should be renamed roombreaking) Because, that's where little dogs begin. Puppies under 6 months old may be unable to control their bowels reliably. **Here's our BIG-Housebreaking Tip** for teacup - small dogs (that the books don't tell you because they are coming from a beagle or lab puppy standpoint. They're forgetting about the "lost in space issue's").

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TAKE AWAY PUPPYS FREEDOM. And do the "Puppy Set Up" (illustration bottom of page). Puppies need to go asap on the new schedule along w/ rewards/ discipline. Puppies have a body clock that tells us when they need to go. First thing in morning, after eating, after taking a nap, and before bed. This is hard in the beginning for sure, but it's temporary. And, when you see results it gets easier. People must be determined to tough it out w/ this schedule. Sometimes, housebreaking can be made easier w/ an existing family dog who is already housebroke. Just take them out together as much as possible.

In general- Housebreaking can be challenging if one doesn't have education in housebreaking techniques w/ teacup to small breed dogs. The # one reason people surrender their dog to human society is because of housebreaking issues.

Anyway, in time- the newspaper area can be transported to wherever you decide forevermore. This could be right outside for warmer climate homes. Some condo / apartment dwellers have been pretty ingenious in creating areas for puppy/dog to go. Such as: 1.) use a x-large kitty litter type plastic tray w/ higher sides filled w/ newspapers. Can be stored in closet / laundry room. 2.) Use an old large wood end table or coffee cabinet with doors underneath for storage: remove doors and install a swing doggie door. Paint inside with a water repellent paint or line inside w/ hard plastic board. Store the newspaper tray inside. Some, use a puppy litter but it's expensive-about 10. a bag. Never use actual kitty litter for a puppy. Also, you can buy a similar little dog kennel made out of wicker. And, there's wood dog kennels made to look like furniture. OR if you're in the colder climate weather: many prefer the attached garage w/ child's small swimming pool filled w/ sand or newspapers. Or fenced off area w/ newspapers down. Outside is hard as puppies will get a bad taste in their mouth and shy away from freezing weather. So, one can install a 40-75 watt light bulb in the area you choose for puppy/dog to go. Treats are going to be a big incentive for puppy to go outside in all kinds of weather conditions. A covered area would be good for snow and rain. We think a simple fenced off area in the yard itself is good so, puppy/ dog isn't going all over your yard. Especially, when kids are involved.



Fence In Area for puppy to live from for several months. Seperate the newspapers from the bedding, food / water, toys....