

 **CDTS**
Cranbourne Dog
Training School

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HOUSE TRAINING

1. Establish a toilet area. Always take your dog to this area when you want him to eliminate. Stand still and let him concentrate on what he is doing. Be patient, let him sniff around and don't talk to him.
When he is performing, introduce your trigger word (this can be any word which you feel comfortable but it is important to use the same word each time) and follow with profuse praise. Leaving a 'poop' down in the area that you want the dog to frequent can sometimes help establish a toilet area.
2. Take your dog to this on waking, after eating or drinking and after playing. Signs to look for are sniffing whilst circling.
3. If your dog has an accident in the house do not punish him or shout at him, it is too late. Always keep calm, ignore the dog, clean up the mess, white vinegar is an excellent cleaner.
4. If you catch your dog in the act or just about to eliminate, take him to his toilet area and use your trigger word. Remember this is a natural function occurring in an unacceptable place, it is not a dog being deliberately naughty. At no time resort to rubbing his nose in it, this will only serve to increase your dog's anxiety.
5. A crate (indoor kennel) is an excellent piece of equipment to help with house training. To help build up bladder control, crate doors should be shut overnight and as long as your puppy has had water available for several hours prior to bedtime, water can be taken away overnight. Most puppies will be dry overnight if the crate is small, cosy and full of bedding. To help train them to be dry in the day, periods of 'time out' and rest periods should occur in the crate at around the time that you would normally think of putting them out to go toilet. This helps them learn to hold on for longer periods of time.
We do not advocate periods of more than 3 – 4 hours maximum in the crate at any one time during the day, especially for very young puppies. Please see your instructor for more advice.
6. Should your dog have a relapse once he has been house trained, he should be examined by your veterinary surgeon in case he is suffering from a urinary tract infection or a gastric upset.