

5. Most times the pup will need to urinate shortly after drinking a large amount of water.
6. Often puppies will need to eliminate when very excited or frightened.

**Some signs and signals that your puppy may display when he needs to go outside include:**

1. Sniffing
2. Obvious attempt to squat
3. Constant activity/restlessness
4. Loitering around a door.
5. Circling
6. Whining or barking

**Below are some guidelines and suggestions for successful houstraining:**

1. A consistent feeding schedule helps promote success. Although you should follow the recommendations of your vet, most often three feedings daily are recommended until 3-4 months of age. After that, feeding twice daily is usually sufficient. Leaving food down constantly for a young pup often encourages accidents. Water consumption should also be monitored. Either small amounts can be placed in the water bowl, or water can be offered at regular intervals rather than being left down all the time.
2. Respect your puppy's biological clock. Be alert to any signals indicating the puppy needs to eliminate. You may need to take the pup out once or twice during the night for the first several weeks. Be fair and take the pup out so he can be successful from the start.
3. Establish a single outdoor elimination area. This means that you must consistently take the pup out to the same area every time he needs to eliminate. Establishing a specific area not only simplifies clean up, but ensures that you are there to praise the pup when he does eliminate. Rather than allowing the pup to roam all over the yard, keep him in the designated area. (You can help the pup recognize this established area by taking a cloth that you've used to clean up and accident to the "potty area" and staking it down. The pup will smell the cloth and the scent should help him eliminate there.)
4. Establish a specific door to use for access the elimination area. Using this same exit will help your pup signal his need to go by moving from you to the door and back, or by going to the door and standing there.
5. Physical discipline is ineffective unless the pup is caught in the act. Then the disciple should take the form of picking the pup up quickly and taking him out to the designated elimination area. Be sure to praise the pup when he completes the elimination in the proper area. (also remember that if you look back, most accidents are due to our not paying attention to the signals the pup has attempted to give us!!! Stoney has had only a very few accidents, and most were due to my neglect!!! He most certainly does not understand how he can and should "hold it" if I am on the phone, etc.)
6. Clean up of accidents should not be done in the presence of your puppy. His curiosity about your