

Houstraining Checklist

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As everyone with a new puppy knows, houstraining is a necessity if our dogs are going to live with us. What you may not know is that with the right tools - both purchased and learned - houstraining does not have to be troublesome.

Check out this houstraining checklist to make sure you have the necessary tools that successful houstraining takes:

- Buy a pup from a reliable breeder who has taken the time to start pups on the right track and who keeps the whelping box and kennel clean.
- A [crate](#) is an invaluable tool. We have many pet owners commenting that crate training was easy after being initially skeptical.
- A barrier [gate](#) confines your pup to a room with easy-to-clean floors if you don't want him in a crate and you just can't watch his every move.
- Papers, [Piddle Pads®](#), and a [Protection Tray](#) are a must if you're training your pup to go inside.
- Do you have plenty of [treats](#) to give your pup when he's "done his duty?" Some pups are very food motivated.
- Feeding on schedule helps your pup's body get used to having to relieve himself on schedule.
- Cleanup supplies - [Dog-Tergent](#) and [Stainaway](#) are great products for the inevitable accident.
- Get a [lead and collar](#) so he can relieve himself under your control and so you can train your pup to go in a certain area of the yard.



Good owner skills include:

- Praise and not punishment.
- Punctuality. Getting your pup outside the moment he needs to so he knows what's expected of him.
- Patience is what you need inside with a damp cloth in one hand and a bottle of [Dog-Tergent](#) in the other.