

As soon as you have spotted the signs

- ✓ Encourage the puppy to come into the garden with you
- ✓ Take him to the same place each time
- ✓ Give him a verbal signal "be quick" or "hurry up"
- ✓ Wait with him until he finishes
- ✓ Praise him lavishly, give him a treat or play a game with him








If after a few minutes he is showing no signs of going (he is playing or just standing looking at you), take him back inside. He is likely to want to go in a short time so watch him *CONSTANTLY* to ensure he doesn't get the chance to make a mistake. When he shows the signs, clap your hands to distract him and then encourage him outside again.

NEVER punish your dog if you have allowed him to make a mistake. Ignore the accidents and praise the success. If you can't closely supervise your puppy he should be restricted to a crate or confined to an easily cleaned area.

Anxiety in puppies

Although it is normal for puppies to be fearful of new sights, sounds and smells, how YOU react may determine whether the puppy continues to be frightened of things for the rest of his life.

Signs of fear in puppies

-  Barking
-  Backing away
-  Hiding
-  Shaking or trembling
-  Growling
-  Running away
-  In extreme circumstances the puppy may snarl or snap at the thing that is frightening him

It is IMPORTANT that you do not accidentally reward your puppy for being fearful. Do not look at, touch or talk to the puppy- IGNORE him completely. Once he regains confidence, shower him with praise for the slightest sign

of bravery. When he has shown these signs it is clear he needs to have MORE exposure to the thing that has frightened him- repeat the exposure again and again in a positive way so that he learns that it isn't scary- everything is OK.

Common fears and how to overcome them

Traffic- Sit on a bench some distance from a moderately busy road. Read a book and just allow your puppy to take in the sights and sounds. Praise and reward when he is **IGNORNING** the cars

Thunder- Sit indoors with the TV on. Don't cuddle the puppy or even look at him or talk to him- it is important that you ignore him and carry on watching the TV. You need to act as if it is an everyday occurrence and certainly nothing to be bothered about.

People- Give other people titbits to offer your puppy and don't reassure him if he shows signs of fear. Your puppy needs to meet MORE people. Praise and reward confident and sociable behaviour

House Training- some helpful hints

Predict when your puppy is likely to need to go to the loo!



After sleeping



After eating



After playing or a period of activity

Spot the warning signs early:

- Sniffing
- Circling
- Squatting
- Being distracted

