

# Behavior Tips For New Puppy Owners



## Houstraining

1. Establish a regular feeding schedule. Put the food down for only 20 minutes, 2-3 times daily at the same time every day.
2. Take the puppy outside to eliminate as soon as it wakes up each morning, after meals, after it drinks, after it plays, before and after confinement and whenever it sniffs, circles or whines.
3. Always go out with pup, guide it to the same area each time and happily praise the pup as it eliminates.
4. Until the puppy has not eliminated in the house for 4 consecutive weeks, it must be watched 100% of the time.
5. If the pup soils in the house:
  - A. Scold it with a loud “No”, but only if you catch it in the act.
  - B. Never scold after the act and NEVER, NEVER strike the puppy with your hand or a newspaper if you don’t catch him in the act.
  - C. Thoroughly clean up the soiled area with a product made especially for pet odors and stains

## Destructive Chewing

1. Chewing and mouthing are normal behaviors for all puppies. This is how they investigate their environment, get relief while teething and entertain themselves.
2. All puppies chew. A judicious amount of supervision or confinement will be necessary through the pup’s first 9-12 months.
3. Put everything out of reach that is dangerous, expensive or irreplaceable. If you can’t put it up, make it taste bad. Use bad tasting sprays to protect furniture, door molding, pillows, the stereo, electric wires, cabinets, etc.
4. Buy a variety of safe rubber or nylon chew toys. Play with the pup and the toys as often as possible. A small amount of meat juice or cheese may be wiped on the toys to encourage chewing.
5. Every time the pup chews on one of its toys, lavish praise on it.
6. Do not allow the pup to chew on old socks, shoes, towels, stuffed toys or any objects which are similar to those that you don’t want chewed.
7. If he chews on an “off-limits” object, scold him with a loud “No” and immediately replace that object with a chew toy.
8. Do not scold or punish if you do not catch him in the act.