

This can be 'toilet', 'wee - wee', anything you like, but when you introduce the word you need to keep saying it as he goes to the toilet.

When you take him out after a sleep, start to say the word as he will go naturally anyway but the connection will have been made between the word and what you want him to do. Remember to give lots of praise when he does it. Many people use a command as it is convenient when they are in a rush or are visiting friends and want the dog to go before entering the house.

As you go through the back or front door to show the dog where he is to go, watch out for signs around this area. If you don't think he needs a wee as he has not eaten or been asleep but is crying, standing or barking at the door, this is his way of telling you that he needed to go outside.

Take him out and if he does something then give him lots of praise. Remember at the start you will probably encounter a few accidents which is normal but ensure that you do not tell him off. Simply show him where he is to go and give lots of praise when he does.

Giving him a great deal of exercise will also help control how much he needs to urinate at home as he will have done it all when out on a walk.



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Whether you have a new eight week old puppy or you have acquired an older rescue dog the principles of house training are the same.

There are two ways in which this can be done. It is useful to remember that dogs will urinate / defecate in the house for many reasons such as territory marking, stress (fireworks, separation anxiety) or health reasons.

Firstly do not shout at your dog when he does this especially if you have not found the reason as to why he is doing it. If you catch him doing it simply take him by the collar outside so that he knows where he is to do it.

Clean up the area ensuring you have removed the scent because although you cannot see or smell it he may be able to and it will only encourage him to repeat the action in that area again.

Using pads / paper (this is more often done for young puppies)

Put some paper or a training pad on the floor where you would like the pup to do the toilet and after you have fed him place him on the paper until he goes. When he has it is important to make sure you praise him.

When he understands that he must do his business on the paper you can move the paper towards the back door a short distance at a time until you reach the door and then place it just outside the door remembering to leave the door open. At this point move on into the garden area.

The pup will learn in the first instance to use the paper as the toilet. Once he is doing the toilet outside you can decrease the size of the paper until it has gone by which time your dog will hopefully understand that he is to do the toilet in the garden.

Paper is primarily used for pups as they cannot hold it for as long as adults and you may miss an opportunity to take him outside. This way he will look for the paper

and the result is that it will make your life a little easier when cleaning it up.

Take outside approach

Think about the age of your dog and when he is likely to go. Young pups usually wee quite regularly as they cannot hold it for as long and most dogs will want a wee when they wake up from a sleep (any time of the day) or when they have eaten. With this in mind every time he wakes up, five minutes after eating or every hour (in the case of young pups) you need to take him outside. Hopefully he will urinate so when he does give lots of praise. You can use a command to encourage him to urinate when you go outside.

