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## 5 steps to puppy potty training

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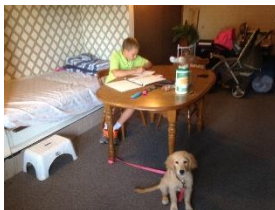
1. **Always use the leash** to take your puppy outside, even for a fenced in yard. Keep the leash handy – next to the crate. The leash keeps the puppy on focus to eliminate



2. **Reward outside**, within 1 second of finishing urine or stool. The last action a puppy did is what they know they are being rewarded for. Rewards in the house reward for coming in the house not pottying outside



3. **Feed meals**, not free feeding. In 20 minutes, post feeding a puppy will need to go. If free fed, you cannot predict when the stool is coming. Use the meal to practice training such as sit, come, and crate games



4. If your puppy does not go in the yard in 15 minutes, **then come inside and tether (tie up) the puppy near you**. This prevents puppy from wandering off to another room. When puppy starts to get up, pull on the leash immediately take outside to the toilet area. Follow steps 1-3

Accidents teach puppy to potty in the house – tethering prevents puppy from finding a spot and learning to potty in the home.

5. **Everyone in the home follow these steps!** If you do not, then the puppy will make mistakes and you will be frustrated! If family members will not be consistent then assign one person to train the puppy to prevent problems.

Best puppy book – *Perfect puppy in 7 days* by Sophia Yin DVM available at [drsophiayin.com](http://drsophiayin.com)