



Paws2Go Training Guide

We don't claim to be experts but this is how we trained our dog, Reese, to use the Paws2Go. It is really about consistency, patience, time, praise and lots of treats! Keep in mind, there are multiple methods and techniques to potty train a dog. Our guidelines worked with Reese but they can be modified to fit your pet's needs. Consistency in your training habits and patience throughout the process are the best ways for you to achieve successful results. Also, make sure every member of the family follows the same training routine and uses the same command words to avoid confusing your pet. Lastly, don't forget to visit www.paws2go.pet to learn more about the product.



Checklist before Getting Started

- ✓ Research suggests potty training should begin when a dog is between 12 and 16 weeks old (Farricelli, 2018). So, if you train your pet outside of this time frame, please allow extra time to achieve desired results.
- ✓ Customize your Paws2Go unit by recording a personalized message on it. Some pets respond better to the familiar voice of their owner rather than an audio clip of your favorite song (we recorded a toilet flushing, which is funny unless you are on a business call).
- ✓ Select a convenient location close to outside access to place the Paws2Go. It can be positioned on the floor or mounted on a wall.
- ✓ Introduce your pet to the Paws2Go by allowing them to explore it using all their senses.
- ✓ Develop a command word or short phrase that you will use each time your pet touches the Paws2Go. This will be stated before your pet goes outside to potty. (Ex. "Go Potty," "Tap it," "Go Outside").
- ✓ Have plenty of your pet's favorite treats nearby to reward behaviors you want to encourage.
- ✓ Let's do this!

Step 1: Train your Pet to Touch the Paws2Go

Place your Paws2Go where it will be used by your pet. Next, bring your pet to the Paws2Go unit so they can touch it. You may have to gently position your pet's paw or nose to contact the unit and activate it. As soon as they touch it, say your command word and reward them with a treat and praise. Repeat this process a few times a day for practice. Note, if you do take your pet outside during a training session reward them with another treat only if they go potty. At the end of Step 1, your pet should come to the door when you use your command word and touch the Paws2Go without assistance. Move immediately to Step 2 if your pet begins consistently touching the Paws2Go on their own even if the command word is not used.

Step 2: Touch the Paws2Go before going Potty

By this time, your pet should be touching the Paws2Go when they need to go outside. During this step treats will not be given for touching the Paws2Go device anymore; instead, a treat will be given immediately after your pet goes potty outside. This will help reinforce the association between touching the Paws2Go and going potty outside. Continue to use verbal praise any time your pet does touch the Paws2Go and you let them outside. When your pet is regularly using the Paws2Go for a week or so, you can slowly phase out the treats but continue to verbally praise them for meeting your expectations.

Helpful Hints

Large Dogs Don't Always Like the Low Profile of the Paws2Go

We have noticed large dog breeds may need the Paws2Go unit elevated off the floor in the beginning. Some owners have set the device on a small stand until the dog gets used to touching it with their paw. Then they remove the stand when the dog is comfortable touching it.

Hold that App

We recommend you delay the use of the Paws2Go app until your pet is using the Paws2Go on their own. This will help minimize unwanted notifications on your mobile devices.

References

Farricelli, A. (2018, March 16). Puppy Stages: 16-Week-Old Puppy Behavior and Development. Retrieved from <https://pethelpful.com/dogs/Puppy-Stages-16-Week-Old-Puppy-Behavior-and-Development>

Support

For further support regarding the Paws2Go and the Paws2Go app, please use the following methods to reach us so we can get your questions answered:

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