

## Using the corral to solve housebreaking issues for pups and new adopted dogs

**Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy:** The corral (aka exercise pen) is used to create a temporary training space for your dog within your house. It is intended to teach your dog to learn to derive a sense of security from being gated and yet still able to see out. This process over time creates trust, a mellow energy flow and peace in your house. It teaches your puppy or adult dog to chill out, chew a bone and learn to hold the urge to go potty, until taken out by you. You get to create a daily schedule that suits you and your dog without chaos. For new dogs, this becomes a trust building exercise. Keeping your new puppy or adopted dog in a room and shutting the door on them can create an enormous amount of anxiety. Anxiety creates destruction, barking, crying and scratching. By using the corral, your dog learns to be indoors with you.

get:

1. A corral
2. Dog bowls for food and water
3. A dog bed for older dogs or a crate for puppies (keep the crate door open or take it off while the crate is in the corralled space)



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4. Chew bones
5. Toys
6. For 8 to 16 week-old pups: Get wee- wee pads (or newspaper) to put down on the far end of the corral as a potty area.
7. Download a Feng Shui with Fido™ Potty schedule.
8. Download the Feng Shui with Fido™ training tip "How to reprimand your dog: housebreaking".
9. Download the Feng Shui with Fido™ training tip "Tips for feeding 4 to 6 month old puppies".

**use:** The corral enables you to put your dog on a schedule of gating time and free time in the house with you. It allows you to structure a schedule that once learned by your dog can allow him to become loose in the house at all times and well behaved without accidents.

**when:** Use the corral as the central space for your puppy. Sure! Give your puppy free time with you loose in the house and yard, but corral your pup when you are home, as well. It's a great space to keep your puppy or new dog, especially when you don't have time to keep an eye on him. The best time to corral your puppy is after potty breaks and after exercise. It's a great spot for naptime or chew bone time. Always take your pup directly outside to go potty every time you let your puppy out of the corralled area.



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**where:** Use a central location in your home such as the kitchen, den, foyer, or bedroom. The corral is a great training tool. It can be placed anywhere and is easily moved. You can begin to corral your pup in the kitchen and then a few weeks later teach him to relax in the living room as a training exercise. Remember, this is a temporary training process lasting throughout puppyhood. This is also a good method for training new adopted dogs. In this case, the process may only last a few months if the adopted dog is already an adult.

## How to get into the gated area:

1. Put on leash.
2. Say, "Let's Go!" in a happy voice.
3. Guide your dog into the gated area.
4. Gently lift up on leash and say, "Sit."
5. Then say, "Wait."
6. Back out of the gated area and say, "Wait."
7. If your dog does not wait, give a quick tug on the leash and say "NO! NO! NO!" Then repeat, "Sit" while gently lifting up on the leash. The action of lifting up on the leash connects the word with an action and creates eye contact. Then say the word "Wait" in a nice, slow voice. The word wait will eventually (over time and repetition) mean chill out, hang out etc..
8. Slowly close the gate, repeat "Wait" and take off the leash and training collar.
9. Make sure he has a chew bone and water.



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## How to get out of the gated area:

1. Put on leash.
2. Lift up on leash as you say, "Sit."
3. Open gate while saying, "Wait."
4. Repeat, "Wait" in a nice, calm voice.
5. If your dog does not wait, give a quick tug on the leash and say, "NO! NO! NO!" Then, "Sit" and, "Wait."
6. Then say, "OK!" This word is the release command from being gated.
7. Then say, "Outside!" (meaning: "Go potty!") Then take to potty area.

**why:** Using the corral creates a small den area for your dog. This is a safety zone for your dog within your house and teaches him to relax. It also helps integrate your dog into your household and with your kids in a safe manner.

## Fido Facts for Gating

- Dogs are den animals. This is not a punishment area. This process is meant to teach your dog to chill out, chew a bone, and hold the urge to go to the bathroom. (Think: Doggie Four Seasons Hotel in Hawaii)
- Put on music or the sound machine. This helps condition your dog to relax. Using the corral should be done while you are home too! Once your puppy or dog is secure with being corralled then you can practice leaving.



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- Applying gating process in 20 to 40 min. increments several times a day.
- Always use the leash when getting your dog out of the corralled area and go directly outside while saying the word, "Outside!" to go potty.
- Even if your dog is not being gated or corralled for housebreaking reasons, it is still important to always take your dog directly outside, for potty purposes, after being gated.
- Gating, crating or corraling your dog is a temporary training process for housebreaking and integrating children/other animals with your dog.



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