

Using a gate for housebreaking

Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy: Getting a puppy to learn to go potty outside happens in stages. It's up to you to teach your puppy how. There are two main factors for creating trust and understanding. One is teaching your dog to hold the urge to go potty and know the route outdoors. The second factor is to teach your dog to respect the boundary of the baby gate. Why? Because dogs are den animals and they derive their sense of security from small spaces. Otherwise, your puppy will only feel safe following you around the house and when you leave he will feel abandoned and possibly destroy things. Therefore, during this training process, it's important not to give access to your whole house at all times. Giving your dog freedom at all times in your home should occur slowly.

A baby-gated area allows your dog to see out, be with you in your house and have a small space to den, sleep and chew. Sure, free time loose in the house with you is great, but not all the time. Gating a puppy helps establish boundaries and teaches your dog to hold the urge to go potty. The second factor in housebreaking your dog is to take him from the gated area "on a leash" outdoors! The leash allows you to guide your dog outside to the spot formally. It's an easier way to establish a schedule for



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your puppy. This is in addition to lots of free time with you, yard time and walks!

get:

1. A baby gate.
2. A crate & crate pad
3. Bowl for water.
4. Toys
5. Chew bones.
6. A sound machine, or radio.
7. *Download a potty schedule off the Feng Shui with Fido™ Quick tip menu AND the training tip "How to reprimand your dog: housebreaking"

use: To section off a room and provide a den type space. It's also great for teaching your dog to be separate from you at times while you are home.

when: This depends on the age of your puppy. It should be thought of as a safe comfortable play area, not a punishment or prison.

1. A play space while you are at work.
2. Having a dinner party.
3. When you can't supervise your puppy during the teething stage.
4. Gating can be done several hours, several times a day.



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where: A central area of the house. A place that is not too remote. Remember: This area is temporary.

1. Kitchen area
2. Hallway
3. Small bathroom
4. Sometimes even laundry area can work.

put: The crate within the baby gated space or corralled area. Also put water, toys and chew bones.

why: The process of gating helps you make a schedule.

1. Teaches your puppy to be OK in your house, while you are home or not home. Gating time is not a punishment. It is to be used only at certain times for sleep, chewing a bone or relaxing.
2. Integrates your puppy or new dog to the movement and sounds of the household safely. This includes children and other pets.
3. Teaches him to learn to hold the urge to go potty.
4. The leash helps you guide him outside to "formally" go potty.
5. A Feng Shui with Fido™ Potty schedule helps create a daily schedule.
6. Putting a crate within the gated space and leaving the door open or off allows your puppy or dog to den. This creates a sense of security for him during this



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training process.

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, "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" and "Wait" (in a nice, slow voice).
8. Slowly close the gate, repeat the word "Wait" and take off the leash and collar.
9. Make sure he has a chew bone and water.

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.



8. Write it down on the potty schedule.

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.
- Give free time with you after potty breaks.
- Include lots of walks for exercise and fun!
- Music or a Sound Machine helps to condition your dog to relax. Gating should be done while you are home too!
- Apply the gating process in 20 to 40 min. increments several times a day.
- Always use the leash when getting your dog out of the gated area and go directly outside while saying the word, "Outside!" to go potty.
- Even if your dog is not being gated for housebreaking reasons, it is still important to always take your dog directly outside to potty after being gated.
- Gating/ crating is a temporary training process for housebreaking and integrating children/other animals with your dog.

