



Housebreaking an adult dog

Remember:

This is a new home, new people, new environment and new rules! Your new dog doesn't know where he is, where the doors are that lead outside or where he is supposed to go to the bathroom. It's your job to teach him that.

You should assume that any new dog you bring into your home will need to be houstrained.

The first day

- Upon arriving home, the first thing you should do is introduce the dog to his yard or exercise area and let him eliminate before entering the house.
- He will be curious and want to explore, let him.
- Be patient and wait for him to eliminate.
- Once he eliminates, praise him and let him know this was the right thing for him to do. You can also give him a tasty treat if you like.
- You can then bring him in the house.

Give him a schedule!

- Dogs are creatures of habit, and feel more confident when they know what to expect.
- Make a potty schedule for your dog.
- First thing in the morning, after meals, play time and the last thing before bed.

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ng to eliminate in the house, make a loud noise (like
ract him and say no. Then immediately take him
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all time, so you can take him out quickly
Great! Praise him lavishly and let him return inside
ter 5 minutes, go back inside and put him in his crate
ing, then watch him like a hawk! And take him out if
leave his leash on him while potty training, so you c

happens and you DO NOT catch him in the act:

- too late; do not reprimand your dog, no matter how
ogs live in the moment; they do not remember that
favorite sofa 10 minutes ago.
Watch him more closely from now on
Remember, every accident you catch is an oppo



Other things to remember

- Housetraining should be based on the prevention of accidents. By anticipating his behavior, you will prevent accidents from happening in the house.
- If your dog makes a mistake because you didn't get him out when you should have – IT'S NOT HIS FAULT, IT'S YOURS!
- In the first week, you must accompany him outside to make certain he has, indeed, gone to the bathroom.
- Every accident you catch is an opportunity for your dog to learn!

Housetraining your older dog can be frustrating at times.
Be patient, understanding and give it time.
He wants to please you by doing the right thing.

**If you are facing any challenges with Housebreaking, do not hesitate to contact Caroline at Bold Canine
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