

Introduction

Without a doubt, housebreaking is an issue that is of top priority to every dog owner. Pets can be a very enjoyable part of life...but not as much if your carpets, furniture or other items are being ruined!

We all expect a puppy to require house training. But there are many adult dogs with housebreaking issues too! Over the years, I've worked with dogs as old as 11 years that have never been completely housebroken before! I've also worked with hundreds of puppies and adult dogs whose owners have been trying for months and months to train them.

It doesn't need to be so difficult! In fact, having personally housebroken (in my own home) dozens of dogs, I know that by following the methods you're about to learn, any dog can be house trained in just a few weeks. Yes, even a Bichon Frise or a Beagle (often rumored to be "untrainable"), and even an older dog who has had confusion in this area for years.

In this book, we'll address every aspect of housebreaking for both puppies and older dogs. Many common issues will be covered in great detail, as well as plenty of problems that are not so common.

My goal is for you to understand how dogs think with regard to house training. You'll then be able to use that knowledge to prevent or alleviate housebreaking problems with your pet, increasing enjoyment and eliminating resentment.

As a Certified Master Dog Trainer since 1995, I've worked with thousands of dogs and their families. They're all "regular family pets" just like yours and mine. Some simply needed some obedience, housebreaking, or manners, and others have had very serious behavior problems such as separation anxiety, aggression, or wild behavior.

Since I am a "regular person" as well as a dog trainer, the methods I teach are easily adaptable to fit each household's specific needs and schedule. As a mom, I understand the concerns that are particular to homes with children. While it may be great in theory to recommend three hours a day of practicing with your dog, for most people this would be impractical.

Therefore, you will find the methods contained in this book to be highly adaptable to your own lifestyle.

However, if you're looking for a magical solution, I must admit, I've misplaced my magic wand! The fact is, house training your pet is going to involve some work on your part.

I could claim that your dog will be house trained in a weekend or a week. However, that would be unrealistic and highly unlikely to provide honorable results.

In my opinion, "house trained" does not mean "starting to catch on." It means "finished." Trustworthy. No accidents. And using a designated area outdoors.

By following the methods contained in this book, your dog can realistically, within 30 days, understand all of the following: all bathroom business is to be done outdoors, in a designated area. Eliminating, leg lifting, or other soiling is not allowed indoors in any part of the house. Trustworthy. Done.

Let's begin!