

# Puppy Potty Training Checklist

## Daily Schedule & Essentials

- Feed your puppy at the same times each day.
- Take puppy out first thing in the morning.
- Take puppy out after every meal.
- Take puppy out after naps and playtime.
- Take puppy out every 1-2 hours while awake.
- Take puppy out before bedtime.
- Set nighttime potty alarm based on age (1 hour per month of age).

## Training Actions

- Always use the same designated potty spot.
- Reward with treats and praise immediately after success.
- Use a consistent verbal cue (e.g., 'Go potty').
- Supervise your puppy at all times indoors.
- Use crates or playpens when you can't supervise.
- Watch for sniffing, circling, or restlessness as signs.
- Interrupt accidents calmly and redirect outside.

## Cleanup & Maintenance

- Clean accidents thoroughly with enzymatic cleaner.
- Do not scold your puppy after the fact.
- Log potty and feeding times to spot patterns.
- Teach bell or door cue for bathroom signals.
- Be patient with setbacks - they are normal.