

# How to TEACH YOUR DOG TO WEE AND POO on Command

Teaching your dog to toilet on command can bring more freedom, confidence and convenience to everyday life. With patience, consistency and positive reinforcement, most dogs can learn this valuable skill.



## WHY TEACH A TOILET COMMAND?

A reliable toilet cue can make many situations easier for you and your dog.



Before travelling in the car



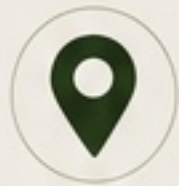
Prior to training sessions or competitions



Before bedtime



During holidays and boarding stays



When visiting unfamiliar places



To prevent accidents indoors

*For working and active dogs, it can also help ensure they're comfortable and focused before heading out.*

## 1 START BY CHOOSING YOUR CUE

Pick a phrase that you'll use consistently every time your dog toiles.

Popular examples include:

- 🐾 "Be quick"
- 🐾 "Busy busy"
- 🐾 "Get busy"
- 🐾 "Toilet"
- 🐾 "Do your business"

The exact words don't matter. What matters is using the same cue every time.



## 2 CREATE THE ASSOCIATION

Introduce the cue when your dog is already about to toilet.

- 1 Wait quietly.
- 2 As your dog begins to wee or poo, calmly say your chosen cue.
- 3 As soon as they finish, praise them warmly and reward them.

### REWARDS COULD BE:



Verbal praise



A treat



A favourite toy



A short game

Your dog will gradually begin to associate the cue with the action.

## 3 REPEAT & TEST THE CUE

### REPEAT CONSISTENTLY

Use the cue every single time your dog toiles. After a few weeks, most dogs begin to understand that the words predict the behaviour and the reward that follows.

### TEST THE CUE

Once your dog has built the association, begin giving the cue just before you think they're about to toilet.



First thing in the morning



After meals



After naps



After exercise

Take them to their usual toilet area and give the cue. When they respond, reward generously.



## BE PATIENT WITH POO CUES

Most dogs learn a wee command faster than a poo command. This is completely normal. Pooing is often influenced by exercise, routine and timing, so it can take longer for dogs to become reliable with this part of the training.



## COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- ✗ **Using the cue too early**  
Don't expect your dog to understand the cue before you've built the association.
- ✗ **Repeating the cue constantly**  
Saying "Be quick, be quick, be quick" can reduce the effectiveness of the command.
- ✗ **Punishing accidents**  
Accidents should never be punished. Toilet training works best when the dog feels confident and relaxed.
- ✗ **Forgetting to reward**  
Rewards help your dog understand they've made the correct choice.



## WHY IT HELPS DURING BOARDING

At Labrador Lodge, many dogs arrive already understanding a toilet cue. This makes settling into a new environment much easier and helps maintain routines while owners are away.

A dog that understands when and where to toilet is often more relaxed, confident and comfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.



## FINAL THOUGHTS 🐾

Teaching your dog to wee and poo on command is one of the most practical skills you can develop. It doesn't require complex training, but it does require consistency and patience.

*Over time, you'll have a dog that understands exactly what's expected, making travel, training, boarding and everyday life much easier for both of you.*



  
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