

# TIPS FOR HOUSETRaining YOUR DOG

- Assume your dog isn't housetrained and start from the beginning.
- Watch for signs that your dog may have to relieve himself; such as sniffing, pacing or walking around in circles.
- Take your dog out after naps, after playtime and after meals.
- Take your dog out at the same time everyday; when you wake up, in the middle of the day, when you get home from work and before you go to bed.
- Take your dog to the same area outside, every time.
- Praise your dog and give him a treat each time he goes in the outdoor spot.
- Feed your dog on a regular schedule.
- Take the water dish away at night.
- Do not punish your dog for going in the house unless you catch him in the act. Even then, correct him with a gentle, firm "No", take him outside to finish, then praise him when he's done eliminating. Otherwise, simply clean up the mess thoroughly using a stain and odor remover. If you do not catch him in the act, he will not understand what you are scolding him for.
- Try crating your dog when you are not home but only for short periods of time. Never more than 2 hours for a puppy and no more than 4 hours for an adult dog.
- Have a dog sitter come to your house if you are not home most of the day.
- Be patient and understanding. Your dog is not trying to make you mad.