



The Day-1 Door Station

Everything a potty trip needs, in one spot by the door you'll use. Set it up before your puppy comes home, so nobody is hunting for a leash while a puppy is about to go on the rug.

Put these by the door

☐ **Leash plus a collar or harness that fits**

Hang them on a hook at hand height.

☐ **Small, soft treats in a lidded jar**

Pea-sized, so one trip doesn't become a meal.

☐ **Poop bags**

A roll clipped to the leash and a spare in a basket.

☐ **Flashlight or headlamp**

For 2 a.m. trips without waking the house.

☐ **An old towel**

For wet paws and rainy nights.

☐ **Paper towels and a pet-safe enzyme cleaner**

Accidents happen. Clean them fully so the smell doesn't invite a repeat.

☐ **Slip-on shoes**

Something you can step into half asleep.

☐ **Sticky notes and a pen**

For the note below.

Pick it once, then stick to it

☐ **One door**

The same door every trip, so your puppy learns where "outside" starts.

☐ **One potty spot**

A quiet patch close to that door.

☐ **One word**

Say the same short cue every time, like "go potty". Agree on it as a house.

Every trip, the same five steps

- 1 Clip the leash on at the door.
- 2 Walk straight to the potty spot. Small puppies can be carried, so nothing happens on the way.
- 3 Stand still and stay quiet. Give it a few minutes.
- 4 Treat and praise the moment they finish, right there.
- 5 Back inside. Write the time on the note.

STICK THIS ON THE DOOR

Last out at _____

Next trip due _____



Night-1 Cheat Card

Keep supplies ready and notice what your puppy needs. This card is a starting point, not a plan for every puppy.

Before bed

- ☐ **Crate in or near your bedroom**
So you hear a whimper when your puppy needs out.
- ☐ **Follow your puppy's agreed feeding schedule**
- ☐ **Soft bedding, plus something that smells like home**
Use bedding only if your puppy does not chew or swallow it.
- ☐ **A last potty trip right before you sleep**
- ☐ **Leash and slip-on shoes by the crate**
So a middle-of-the-night trip takes seconds, not a search.

When they wake you

Keep it quiet and keep it short: straight out, straight back. The full night plan, with alarm times for your puppy's age and one name on duty so everyone else sleeps, is the night-shift card in the First 14 Days Kit.

Still crying after a trip?

Check their potty needs, comfort and surroundings. Offer calm reassurance if they seem distressed. If crying persists or concerns you, contact your vet. Ask a qualified reward-based trainer for help with gradual crate practice. Do not treat every cry as a training problem.

SETTLING IN TAKES TIME

A new home can be unsettling. Crying has different causes. Check what your puppy needs rather than assuming it is harmless.

IN THE MORNING

First thing out the moment your puppy wakes.
Before the coffee.

Call your vet if

Contact your vet about vomiting, diarrhea, not eating, unusual weakness or crying that concerns you. Seek urgent veterinary help for pale gums, collapse, breathing trouble or suspected harmful ingestion. This list is not exhaustive.