



3 Big Reasons You May Want to Consider Litter Box Training Your Dog

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Cats are no longer the only pets using a litter box. More dog owners than ever are experiencing the convenience that cat owners have enjoyed for years... all as a result of having a litter box trained dog.

PR9.NET April 12, 2006 - HINSDALE, IL - Today it was announced that Doggy-Dump, <http://www.DoggyDump.com>, one of the nation's premier online dog training consults will offer an alternative to standard house training. Dog training expert Lora Wright is educating dog owners on why Litter Box Training is such a great house training alternative.

As most dog owners know, house training is not always an easy process, but it is certainly an important one. The number one reason that dogs are surrendered to animal shelters is because of inappropriate elimination, so a well structured house training program can literally be a lifesaver for a person's dog.

Although it is naturally assumed that dogs should be trained to relieve themselves outdoors; there are several reasons litter box training a small dog can be a wonderful alternative.

Eliminate Accidents

Most accidents happen when the owner is not around. In our busy lives many times we are rushed out the door leaving our dogs without knowing if they truly went potty creating a situation where the dog sits by the door waiting and holding it until it can't hold it any longer.

Contrary to their larger counterparts, small dogs have small bladders and consequently, have difficulty holding it for long periods of time.

Having your dog litter boxed trained eliminates accidents, relieving stress for dogs and owners by providing relief to dogs that can't go out during the day. A litter box trained dog has the opportunity to go potty as often as needed...it helps prevent indoor accidents whether you're home or not, making life less stressful for everyone.

Reduce Health Risks and The Costs Associated

New figures just released from APPMA's National Pet Owners Survey (NPOS) show 3% of dogs have health insurance, up 50% in past years. This is because the outdoors pose some serious health risks to dogs. A major contributing factor to this dramatic increase is do to the potential health risks found outdoors. Various outdoor plants, like ivy and oleander, can be poisonous to pets. Also, theobromine – found in chocolate - is contained in some lawn and garden mulch and can be lethal to dogs. When swallowed, theobromine irritates the lining of the digestive system, causing vomiting and diarrhea. The heart reacts by beating faster, causing blood pressure to rise, increasing the risk of heart failure.

It is also common for house broken dogs to hold their potty until their owners to return. When dogs hold it for a long period of time, waste products filtered from the blood by the kidneys stay in the body longer, causing a Urinary Tract Infection. UTI vet bills can be astronomical these days costing up to \$500 to treat.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, dogs at low risk of out door disease exposure may not need annual booster shots for most diseases. A little preventative "litter box training" care can go a long way. It reduces and in some cases eliminates risk factors associated with multiple conditions and illnesses, potentially saving a dog owner thousands of dollars.

Convenience

On occasion, dog owners may foster a little resentment towards cat-owning friends, whose sole and entire potty duty is to clean the litter box once a day... a 2 minute activity. Dog owners not only have to brave the elements and clean up dirt that has been tracked in, but they are also subject to inconvenient, early morning, potty trips during valuable sleep time. A litter box trained dog conveniently goes in a box without interrupting the owners sleep.

Litter box training is a humane and convenient alternative to potty training dogs and can be done from the comfort and privacy of a person's home whether they are home or not. It works well for both puppies and adult dogs and best of all it is simple. You'll never have to keep your raincoat and goshes handy again!

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The Doggy-Dump litter box training system, one of the nation's largest litter box training resources, is updated daily, completely private, can help trouble shoot any house training problems - and is representative of thousands of households nation wide.

Website: <http://www.doggy-dump.com>

