



Quick-and-Concise BASIC HOUSETRAINING steps

- Take your dog out of the crate (or whichever other safe confinement area you've chosen) then out the door, every single time, even if he's only been crated for a short period!
- Out to potty straight away after EVERY meal, EVERY play-bout, EVERY SINGLE NAP, EVERY big drink of water, EVERY morning first thing before anything else happens to anyone else in the house, and also at least every 2 hours. (That's *_also_* every 2 hours **annnnnd** all of the above stuff.)
- Out to potty to the exact same spot every time, on a lightweight leash that's at least 6' long. STAND STILL AND IGNORE HIM. No looking, talking (except to calmly and not-too-frequently say whatever "go to the bathroom right now" signal you're going to use), or touching. Wait. Wait until sunrise if you have to but be boring as hell and don't move. He Will Go. Immediately when he finishes (and not before,) commence the payoff:
- ****Three complete and heartfelt sentences in your best Nauseating Mommy Voice, each of those sentences accompanied by a very small but extremely high-value food reinforcement. Think dehydrated chicken livers or bacon bits -- not kibble. ****
- Then, and only then, can he play or go for a walk or whatever. If he doesn't get down to business and you really can't wait til sunrise, put him right back in his crate and (this is important...) try again in just a few minutes. (Maybe 5?)
- Hustle him out if you see him hanging around by the door or spinning around in circles or sniffing kind of over-intently.
- NO CORRECTING "ACCIDENTS," EVEN IF YOU SEE THEM HAPPEN. Otherwise he'll learn to pee wherever you're not. We don't want him to get that message!