



# HOUSE SOILING

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## What is house soiling?

House soiling, also known as inappropriate elimination, is when the dog urinates or defecates inside the house due to medical, environmental, or behavioral reasons. This typically applies to dogs that have been previously potty trained.

## FIRST STEP

If you notice that your dog is having accidents around the house, and it is an abnormal behavior, the first thing to do is visit your veterinarian. We want to make sure that any medical issues can be ruled out. A thorough veterinary check-up will help identify any potential causes or health conditions that could be causing the behavior.

## Potential causes:

- Medical issues (UTIs, incontinence, GI issues)
- Separation Anxiety or stress
- Territorial marking (unneutered males or some females)
- Changes in routine or environment
- Aging and cognitive dysfunction

## Management tips:

- Clean the areas
- Limit access to the entire house
- Provide an accessible potty area

## Treatment tips:

- Schedule potty breaks
- Take them outside when you notice them going potty indoors
- Reward for going potty outside.

Do not punish or reprimand your dog for their accidents.  
This will only increase fear, not learning.

## Check out these helpful resources!



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