

Potty Bells/ Buttons



Steps:

1: Introduce the bell/button of your choice to your dog and allow your dog to inspect/explore it to make sure that it isn't something your dog will be worried about. Treat and reward your dog for ANY interest or engagement with the bell/button.

2: Place the bell/button near the door that you use most frequently to take your dog out to potty. Each time you're taking your dog out, press the button or ring the bell. The goal is that, via repetition, your dog will begin making the association between the bell ringing and being taken outside. The key to building this skill is consistency on your part using the bell/button each time you are taking your dog out.

3: Dogs are always observing and learning from us. After watching you ring the bell before going outside, your dog will hopefully understand that the bell is associated with going outside. Keep this up until your dog begins to ring the bell without any signal from you. Any time your dog rings the bell, offer lots of praise and immediately take them outside.

Note: Once your dog starts to associate the bells/buttons with being able to go outside they may ring the bell whenever they want to go outside. Keep a time on how long since they last went outside and only let them out when you feel they need to use the bathroom. Adult Large dogs only need to be let out 3-5 times a day or every 6 hours. Consider if your dog is obese, has diabetes, is a small breed, or is a senior dog they will need to use the bathroom more frequently.

