

I. HEADSTART PROGRAM (STARTING AT 7 WEEKS OLD)

PUPPY TRAINING

Housebreaking:

The first day you get your puppy home, take him for a walk to a specific area where you would like him to relieve himself. Do this right after his meals and immediately after he wakes up.

Get a small dog crate (like those used by the airlines) and put it beside your bed. Have the puppy sleep there during the night. Pups' sleep a lot and most always have to relieve themselves after they awaken. Immediately take the puppy outside whenever he awakens and take the puppy to the same place that you previously chose for him to use. When he has relieved himself, take him and put him back into his crate. Repeat this procedure whenever the pup first awakens.

The next day, keep the pup inside the house where he can be watched. If you can't keep an eye on him, put the pup outside. The rule is: Immediately take your pup outside to his usual place whenever he awakens and whenever he finishes eating.

If the pup relieves himself indoors and you catch him in the act, quickly take him by the scruff of the neck, scold him and carry him outdoors to his usual place. If you fail to catch the pup in the act, it's too late for any discipline and thus should be ignored.

Every night, exercise the pup outdoors and have him relieve himself before putting him to bed inside his crate. Time his evening meal to fit this schedule. Repeat this procedure nightly and in a few days the pup will have learned to hold his water all night and to get your attention whenever he needs to relieve himself. If when you bring your pup back in and put him into his crate he starts to become vocal, teach him that this action leads to an unpleasant ex-