

## GETTING STARTED - Toileting on cue outside in the garden

Ideally use the door protocol **BUT** if you are sure he is bursting for the loo

- Clip on the lead (preferably to a harness but collar is ok)
- Toss food on floor away from the door
- Use this time to get door open and yourself outside
- Call him to you

Toileting needs to be regular as possible – straight after meals, straight after waking up, and right before being left for any amount of time.

Using a lead at this point helps

- a) your dog to realise he can toilet on and off lead
- b) you to make sure he doesn't wander off, get distracted or start playing with toys

Don't allow your dog to wander towards distractions such as rabbits etc, keep him busy at the bottom of the garden. Encourage him to sniff at the bushes and grass. When he does pee/poo, praise him verbally during (e.g. toilet – good boy, good toilet) but quietly, then really party afterwards – and REWARD!

When you are going outside for toilet breaks, once you get out the door, announce “Toilet!” or whatever cue you are using, then encourage him over to the spot he used before.

Be persistent and consistent. Toilet breaks are for toileting only. If he doesn't go then do some training beside the house, then take him back to the grass saying “Toilet!” etc.