

# Training On The Piddle Place<sup>™</sup> (PP)

### **SET UP - You Will Need:**

- Crate or kennel to confine pet
- A gated area of limited activity to work with your pet
- Piddle Place
- Urine-scented paper towel or napkin\* (see notes)
- Leash
- Treats to reward puppy

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### **PUPPIES:**

- 1. Kennel or crate your pet for a few hours, as most dogs have to urinate when they wake from a nap. Do not keep puppies confined more then a few hours at a time.
- 2. Confine the crate opening to limited area such as a 6-foot gated area that allows you to work with your pet with little opportunity for distraction. It is very important to work with your pet.
- 3. Remove any rugs or pet beds from the gated area.
- 4. Do not place food or water next to the PP, as dogs do not like to piddle where they eat.
- 5. Place a napkin or paper towel soaked in dog urine on PP. Visit doggy day care for this if needed.
- 6. Open the crate or kennel.
- 7. Leash your pet and walk to the PP or just place the puppy on the PP. Allow them to sniff the area.
- 8. Say "go piddle" or "go potty." You must be consistent with your request.
- 9. Praise and reward your puppy for any attempt and never scold failure.
- 10. Many pets don't like to be watched. If they won't go in your presence, unleash them within the confined area and allow them some privacy.

## **DOGS: Switch From Pads To Piddle Place**

- 1. Move PP to an area where pee-pads are usually placed.
- 2. Some dogs are reluctant at first to step up on the PP. If so, remove the turf from the PP and place your usual pad on top of the turf.
- 3. Allow your pet to use the pee-pad as usual for a few days while it's on top of the PP turf.
- 4. Over next few days, switch the pad to the bottom of the PP turf, allowing your pet to realize the pad is still in the area.
- 5. Once they have become comfortable using the turf, you may eliminate the pad and only use the PP.



### **DOGS: Retraining Older Dogs**



- 1. When walking your dog outside (a week before PP training), immediately say "go potty" every time after they potty and give them a treat. After a week, your dog should associate the term "go potty" with the action and a treat.
- 2. Follow puppy training tips #2 #10.
- 3. If necessary, place dried leaves on the PP or plants around the PP to recreate the "outdoor" feeling and to make your dog comfortable.
- 4. Place your dog on the PP and say "go potty." Praise all attempts and do not scold failure, as all dogs learn differently. You may need to leave your pet in the confined area with the PP and ignore them for a while since some dogs don't like to be watched.

# **CATS: Switching From Expensive Cat Litter To The Piddle Place**

- 1. Remove the existing litter box from the area and replace it with the PP in the same location.
- 2. Turn the turf in half and place it on the PP with half of PP base area exposed.
- 3. Place a small amount of non-clumping cat litter on the exposed area.
- **4.** Allow your cat to use the exposed area as they would a regular litter box.
- 5. After success, turn the turf back to its normal position and place a small amount of cat litter on top of the turf.
- **6.** After success (usually a week), you will no longer need any kitty litter.
- 7. Remember to spray the surface area daily with PP Bio+ Treatment to keep area clean and fresh.
- **8.** Remove solid waste daily and drain the PP once a week or as needed.

### **Training Tips From Successful Customers**

"I borrowed a baby playpen gate (10-feet around) and placed my dog's crate opening at the far side of the playpen area. When I opened the crate, the puppy went right to the Piddle Place." *Kathleen F* 

"My dog was afraid to try the Piddle Place at first. I found that gathering some leaves and grass that my neighbor's dog had urinated on and placing them on top of the Piddle Place helped my dog to realize that this was just like the outside. The scent of another dog using the Piddle Place was the winning ticket for my Dixie." *Glen R* 

"I found it very important to confine my puppy at first. I moved him to an area that had just the Piddle Place as a relief option. Otherwise he ran all over the house instead of focusing on the Piddle Place. Once he understood, I left the confined area open, and he would go back inside to use the Piddle Place. After a week, I no longer needed the confined area." *David F* 

"I took my Piddle Place to our doggy day care and they placed it in their puppy play area. The owner suggested removing the turf and placing it in a little puddle where a puppy had piddled. We placed that scented turf back on the Piddle Place, and every puppy started using the Piddle Place. My puppy watched as other dogs used the Piddle Place and got the idea from watching and smelling the other dogs." *Regina M* 

"I placed used, old shredded newspaper (with dog urine smell) on top of the Piddle Place, and my two puppies started using it right away." Nancy R

"Always praise and reward attempts at use within 2 seconds. Positive reinforcement is a must." Mike S

"He (7-year old Pug) was used to going outside, so this took a week of training, but I am so glad we did this. I moved to the 15th floor of an apartment, and the Piddle Place is a welcome relief." Drew H

"My mini-pig, Honey, loves her Piddle Place." *Gabrielle L*.



"Every dog learns differently. Finding a way to communicate with your dog or cat is the key to success." *Kathleen, Inventor of Piddle Place* 

# **Notes On Cleaning:**

- To set up the Piddle Place, mix one pack of Bio+ Concentrate with 8 oz of water. Shake well and pour the mixture into the base. Make sure the valve is in the "off" position.
- \*Place a napkin that has been in contact with dog urine on the turf to initially attract the dog.
- After use, never leave just the Piddle Place in confined area with your puppy, as the turf and drain valve may become their favorite chew toy. Always have fresh water and chew toys available to your puppy.
- The turf pad is machine-washable.
- Don't allow the base unit to dry out. Always keep enough fluid in the base to blend and neutralize incoming pet waste.
- Remember to saturate the turf with Piddle Place Bio+ Treatment a few times a day to keep the area fresh.
- To drain or move the Piddle Place, **CARRY THE UNIT FLAT**. Do not tilt or pet waste will pour from the top opening. Take to the desired location, such as the toilet, and open the drain valve.
- Remove solid waste from the unit the same as if you walked your dog. Spray the surface with Bio+ Treatment.

