

Your Pup needs YOU in order to be a good dog. Don't drop the ball! Keeping Puppy Safe at home and your nerves intact!

Management: How to keep you pup from jumping up on the coffee table, the kitchen counter, Visitors to your home, etc...

Name five things your pup cannot do in the house:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Name five things your pup can do to do in the house:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

So which list of 5 was easier to fill out, the to dos or the donts? Ah, you can see now why so many puppies get into trouble at home. There isn't much TO DO! Since that is the cold hard reality of a dogs life at home -- they aren't allowed to do much--it is our responsibility to teach them what we want and have fun while doing it

Tethering

WHAT:

A tether is your pup attached to his leash and the leash attached to a secure spot (like a closed door, the bottom of a heavy couch or table, the bed, the bathroom sink.. pretty much any room in the house).

WHY:

You tether your pup because you want to teach him that the house is a place where he should engage in "relaxing" activities such as sleeping, chewing on a designated item, observing humans prepare food, watch television read, in essence teaching him to settle down and remain calm, at least most of the time.

IF counter and coffee table surfing is the problem, then you need tether your pup just out of reach of the counter, the coffee/kitchen/dining room table. While you could use time outs for this training challenge, it takes much more effort on your part and may backfire (sometimes you catch your pup, sometimes you don't). Besides tethering, you can also use the crate, but tethering is much easier to put into practice all over the house does not require moving the crate and or xpen from room to room.

WHEN:

While you are going about your daily and nightly rituals at home you can safely keep track of what he is doing and he can safely observe and learn about what he is allowed to do while you are going about your daily and nightly rituals at home. This also teaches your pup that when you leave the room it is not the end of the world and most likely you will be right back. Be sure to give your pup something TO DO while he being confined: a stuffed kong, bully stick, raw marrow bone, any sort of chewing activity. Make sure you give him attention often for settling down and entertaining himself!

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You can attach the leash to a door knob, the leg of a couch, or any other strong and secure spot.

TETHERING is best way to passively teach your dog what is acceptable and gives you the opportunity to only give attention for appropriate behaviors in the house through through safe and comfortable confinement to a secure spot in the house.