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Puppy Training Guide with
Grumpy Old Max

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Welcome to the Wagwise Puppy Training Guide! Training your puppy is one of the most rewarding parts of dog ownership. A well-trained puppy grows into a happy, confident, and well-behaved dog.

This guide covers essential steps to get you started on the right paw!

1. Preparing for Your Puppy

- Create a safe space with a bed, water, and toys.
- Puppy-proof your home by removing hazards and securing items.
- Have treats, a collar, leash, and cleaning supplies ready.

2. Potty Training

- Set a consistent potty schedule (after meals, naps, and playtime).
- Reward your puppy immediately after going outside.
- Clean accidents thoroughly to remove scent markers.

3. Crate Training

- Introduce the crate as a positive, safe place.
- Feed meals inside the crate and leave the door open initially.
- Increase crate time gradually to build comfort.

4. Basic Commands

- Teach commands such as 'sit', 'stay', 'come', and 'leave it'.
- Use short, fun training sessions with positive reinforcement.
- Avoid punishment; focus on rewards for good behaviour.

5. Socialisation

- Expose your puppy to new people, pets, and environments.
- Ensure experiences are positive to prevent fear later on.
- Join puppy classes for controlled socialisation.

6. Leash Training

- Start with short, positive walks around the house or yard.
- Reward your puppy for walking beside you.
- Avoid pulling or jerking the leash.

7. Preventing Behavioural Issues

- Provide plenty of chew toys and mental enrichment.
- Redirect unwanted behaviours instead of punishing.
- Practice patience and consistency every day.

Remember: Training takes time, consistency, and lots of love. Celebrate every little success!

For more tips, visit **Wagwise** for expert guidance on raising a happy, healthy dog!