Potty Training

Bringing your Cavapoo puppy home is so exciting! One of the first big milestones is potty training. With patience, routine, and lots of praise, your puppy will get the hang of it quickly. Here's a simple guide to help you succeed!

Confinement is KEY! Until your new puppy is housebroken, you should not allow him to freely move about your house. Confine him in a crate, pen, or by using baby gates to section off a certain area designated for him. He needs to stay in this designated space at ALL times unless you are actively sitting with him, playing with him or watching him play, feeding him, grooming him, or otherwise interacting with him.

This is where most people go wrong. They give in to the temptation of letting their puppy run loose and play while they do other tasks, convincing themselves that they are "watching" him, but before you know it he will go on the floor and the bad habbit has begun.

1. Establish a Routine
Take your puppy out first thing in the morning, after meals, after naps, and before bedtime.
Expect to take your puppy outside every 2–3 hours at first.
Puppies thrive on routine—try to keep feeding and potty breaks at the same times each day.

2. Designate a Potty Spot
Pick a consistent outdoor spot and take your puppy there (on a leash, if neccessary).
I have been saying "Go potty" when I take your puppy out.
Praise immediately after they go—treats and enthusiastic praise work wonders!

3. Watch for Signs
Sniffing, circling, whining, or heading to the door are all signs your puppy needs to go.
If you catch them in the act indoors, gently interrupt and take them outside right away.

4. Clean Accidents Thoroughly
Use an enzymatic cleaner to remove smells that can attract your puppy back to the same spot.
Don't punish accidents—this can create fear or confusion.

5. Crate Training Helps!
Puppies naturally avoid going potty in their sleeping space.
Use a properly sized crate when you can't supervise—this encourages holding it.
Always take them outside as soon as they come out of the crate.

6. Be Patient & Consistent
Every puppy learns at their own pace.
Stay calm, be consistent, and celebrate small wins.

Reminder: Young puppies may not have full control until around 12–16 weeks. Stick with it—you're building lifelong good habits!

If you ever have questions, I'm here to help. Enjoy this sweet season with your new Cavapoo pup!
— Amanda

During the weaning process your puppy has become accustomed to using potty pads. You may find it helpful to put a potty pad near the door you want your puppy to go out to potty until fully trained to avoid accidents.