Issue: House Soiling

Your new dog may have been incompletely trained in their previous home, or may have regressed due to the kennel environment. It is a good idea to get your new pet on a consistent schedule and be reac

- Repeat this unt I your dog successfully pees and/or poops.
- Af er your dog has done everything outside and you are home, they can have some supervised
 t me out of the conf nement area. Leave a leash at ached to your dog's harness or collar and
 watch them to make sure they do not wonder of and have an accident.
- Pay at ent on to when your dog drinks water. Af er they drink, they should be kept on leash close to you or in the conf nement area. Eliminat on tends to follow closely af er eat ng or drinking.
- Take your dog out about every 2 hours when you are home to start with. As a general rule, a dog will have to pee about every hour for the dog's months of age. So a 2 month old puppy will need to go out every 2 hours, a 3 month old puppy every 3 hours, etc. This general rule goes unt I the puppy is about 8 months, as the maximum a dog can generally hold his urine and/or bowels is 8 hours. When you are f rst start ng house training, though, begin at every 2 hours.
 - Note: we recommend this 2-hour frequency for adult dogs as well, at least for their first few days in a new home, in order to set up good habits from day 1. Remember, even house trained adult dogs need to learn where the appropriate elimination spots are and may have needed to go to the bathroom in their kennels in a shelter, so even previously house trained dogs somet mes need a reminder and a few days to adjust.
- When you are not home, place your dog in the conf nement area for up to about 5 hours if they are over 5 months. If you will be gone longer than this or if your dog is younger that this, arrange to have someone take the dog for a walk.
- Take away your dog's water about 45 minutes before their last walk so that they do not have to pee overnight.
- One your dog has gone a week without an accident in the house, they can begin to slowly
 have more freedom in the home with less supervision. If this is a puppy or a dog who previously
 had accidents in their home, make sure to increase space and decrease supervision slowly so
 that you all succeed with the housetraining. T