

## DOG TRAINING

### Why do Dogs Mark in the House?

Male dogs lift their leg and urinate to mark their territory. Management can be the key to change this behavior.

1. Neutering sometimes stops dog marking, but there is no guarantee.
2. If he marks one spot and you clean it up, he feels the need to remark. Take a rag and wipe it around his rear over his anal glands and wipe it where he is marking. His scent will be there, but it will not be offensive to humans.
3. If dogs were in your house previously, their odors remain. Get carpets, cushions or anything he is marking professionally cleaned.
4. Crate when you cannot monitor him. Take him out to potty before crating and leave no longer than 3-4 hours. If your dog has never been crated, take the time to acclimate him by feeding in the crate with the door open, then work up to short periods enclosed. Toys in the crate will also help.
5. If you have no success, consider a bellyband. It is a strip of soft, stretchy fabric that Velcro closed. It prevents dogs from urinating.

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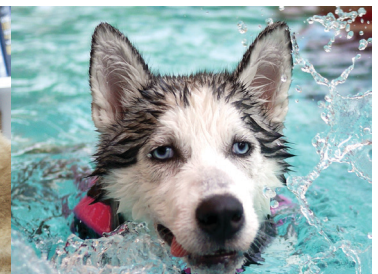
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