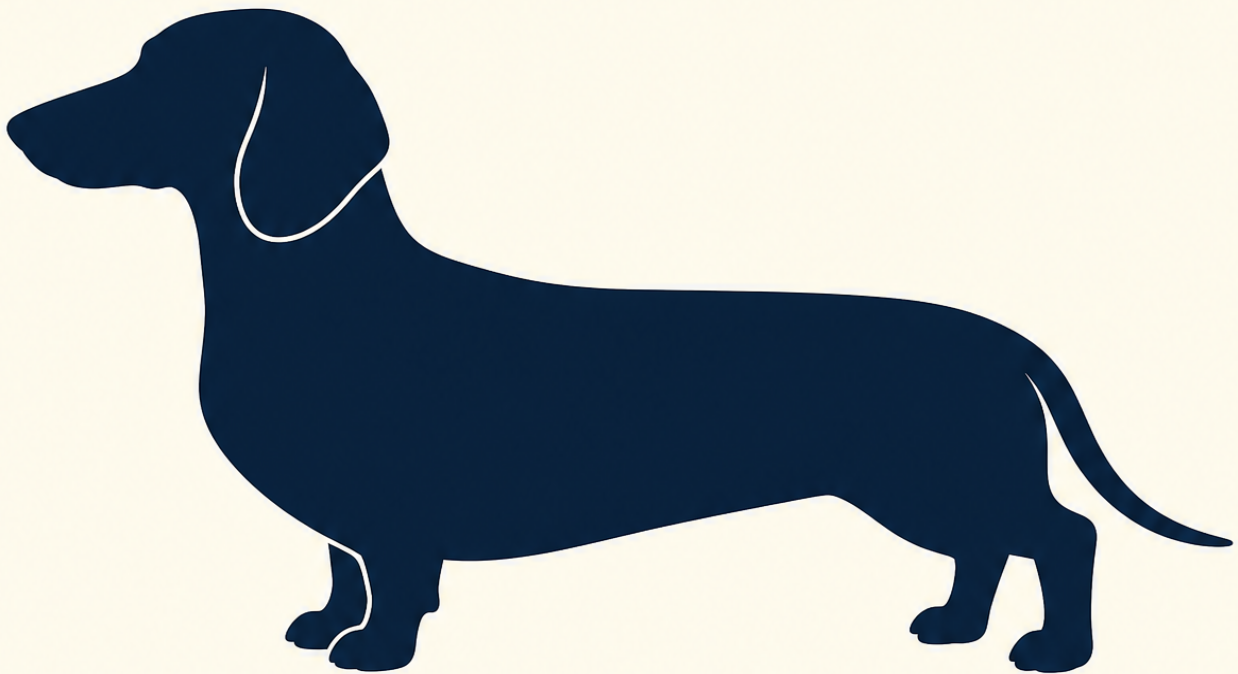


# DACHSHUND TRAINING

Wiener Dog Owner Guide



# Dachshund Training: What's Different

Dachshund training is harder than most owners expect. Dachshunds were bred to hunt badgers — independently, without human direction — and that 'think for myself' trait is baked into the breed. Combined with notoriously difficult potty training and a tendency to be vocal, Doxies are not the easy small dog many first-time owners assume. With the right approach, success is achievable.

## 3 truths every Dachshund owner needs

- **They're scent hounds in a small body.** The independence and stubbornness of a Beagle in a 15-lb package. Recall is unreliable in scent-rich environments.
- **Potty training is notoriously slow.** 4-6 months minimum, sometimes up to a year. Strict scheduling and crate training are non-negotiable.
- **Back protection is critical.** Long-bodied Dachshunds are prone to IVDD (back injuries). No jumping off furniture, no stairs alone, no rough play.

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# The 12-Week Dachshund Training Plan

Designed for an 8-week-old Dachshund puppy. Sessions are 5-15 minutes (longer as the puppy ages). Three sessions per day minimum.

Weeks	Focus	New Commands
1-2 (8-10 wk)	Crate + potty schedule + name	Crate, potty, name
3-4 (10-12 wk)	Sit + leash + Come (indoor)	Sit, leash, Come (indoor)
5-6 (12-14 wk)	Down + Leave it + scent games	Down, Leave it, find-it
7-8 (14-16 wk)	Place + Off + Quiet on cue	Place, Off, Quiet
9-10 (16-18 wk)	Heel + impulse control	Heel, Wait
11-12 (18-20 wk)	Distraction proofing	Stay (1 min)

# Potty Training the Doxie

Dachshunds are among the slowest breeds to potty train. The combination of small bladder, stubbornness, and weather aversion (they hate cold/wet) makes them notoriously difficult. The protocol below is the proven path.

- **Strict schedule:** Outside every 1.5-2 hours for puppies under 12 weeks. Every 2-3 hours after that.
- **Always after waking, eating, drinking, playing.** Non-negotiable.
- **Crate when you can't supervise.** Properly sized crate (just big enough to stand, turn, lie down).
- **High-value reward IMMEDIATELY for outdoor success.** Within 2 seconds, real meat reward.
- **Avoid pee pads.** They confuse the 'outside only' rule. Direct outside training is faster.
- **Plan for winter regression.** Many Doxies refuse to go outside in cold/wet weather. Covered potty area helps.

## Back protection

Dachshunds are prone to IVDD (intervertebral disc disease) — back injuries that can cause paralysis. Train your puppy from day one: no jumping off couches/beds, ramps for cars, carry up/down stairs until adult. This is health, not training, but it shapes the household routine.

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# 5 Dachshund Training Mistakes

Avoid these to maximize Doxie success:

- **1. Treating them like easy small dogs.** Doxies are hounds in small bodies — independent, stubborn, scent-driven. Plan for it.
- **2. Inconsistent potty schedule.** The #1 cause of slow potty training. Strict timing is non-negotiable.
- **3. Allowing jumping on/off furniture.** Risks IVDD. Use ramps or carry the dog.
- **4. Tolerating excessive barking.** Train Quiet on cue early. Doxies are vocal — manage it from the start.
- **5. Off-leash freedom.** The scent drive will win. Long lines or fenced areas only.

# Where to Go From Here

This 12-week plan covers the foundation. After that, your Dachshund has the basics to build on for the next 12-24 months. Most Dachshunds reach mental maturity around age 2-3.

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