

Crate Training

The crate should be a comfortable and safe place for your dog. Add a bed, blanket and toys inside. Never force your dog into the crate and do not use the crate for punishment. A dog should love their crate...

Step 1

Reward any interaction with the crate to begin with even a sniff. Encourage your dog into the crate, using toys or food. Do not close the door of the crate at this stage. Remember the crate should be good and fun. Make a game with your dog going in and getting out of the crate.

Step 2

Build up duration of the time that your dog is in the crate. Slowly drop treats through the top of the crate once your dog is inside to encourage them to stay inside building up a good association and calming them down.

Step 3

Start closing the door for short periods of time slowly building up the duration of the door being shut. Whilst the door is shut you can again slowly feed treats through the top of the crate. Always reward your dog when you open the crate door and let them out.

Step 4

Use toys that can be filled and stuffed to keep your dog entertained whilst inside the crate. Once the door is shut leave the room and slowly start to build up that time that you are away from your dog whilst inside the crate. (see Dog Training College Dog Toy Filling Ideas poster)

Remember: For safety reasons **NEVER** leave your dogs collar on them whilst they are left alone inside a crate. A dog must have access to fresh water and will still need regular toilet breaks.

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