

## KENNEL TRAINING

There are many advantages to crate training your puppy. For instance, housebreaking is accomplished much faster with a minimum of hassle for you and



your puppy. Generally a puppy does not want to mess in the area which he sleeps and eats. Crate training will also prevent your puppy from getting in harms way. There will probably be several times that you will not be able to be with your puppy during the day. If your puppy is in a crate you can feel confident that your puppy will not be able to cause physical destruction to your home and possessions.

Dogs have a natural liking to enclosed sleeping places.

Think about how many times your dog chooses to sleep under the table or against a wall. Crates are not cruel. In fact they are safe haven, comparable to a crib or a playpen for an infant or toddler. If a puppy is properly introduced with it will think of his crate as a safe, secure den.

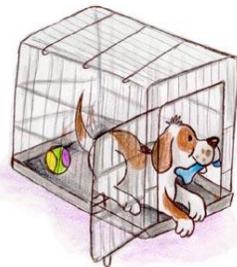
### Purchasing a Crate

When purchasing a crate to into consideration that your puppy is not fully grown. YOU need to allow for growth. Buy a crate which will allow your puppy to stand up, turn around and stretch out while lying down.

### Where to Place the Crate

Find a location in your home that is out of the way but not totally secluded from the family, such as the family room.

### When to Use the Crate



Use the crate when you are out of the house, sleeping or occupied by other activities which would not allow you to pay attention to your puppy. Never use a crate for punishment. The crate should not be represented as a negative experience. Begin feeding your puppy in the crate everyday with the door open. This will teach your puppy that the crate is a happy place and will teach him to like the crate.



Get your puppy accustomed to being by himself in the crate when you are home as well. The dog will learn that it is okay to be by himself and this will help prevent separation anxiety from developing.

A dog that is forced into a crate and is left alone will associate the crate with an unpleasant experience and be very unhappy. It is worth the time teaching your puppy to like the crate and will once again make your job a pet owner easier with potty training.

### How to Use the Crate

1. Remember a puppy will go potty when they wake up in the morning, within ½ hour after eating, and before they go to sleep. Make sure your puppy has had the chance to go potty before you put him in the crate.
2. Use a consistent phrase when crating your puppy such as “Kennel Up!” Use an encouraging tone when you address your puppy to kennel.
3. Once he is in the crate remove any collars or leashed for his safety. Now here is the hardest part, do not speak to your puppy once he is in his crate. Talking to your puppy while he is crated may get him excited and cause anxiety that he may have at the thought of being alone. Do not respond to his barking. If you respond to the barking this will teach him that barking will get him attention.
4. When you it is time to take your pup out of the crate, put the collar and leash on him and lead him outside to potty. Remember when taking the pup out of the crate do it calmly without getting him excited. If he gets to excited he might urinate or develop other problems with separation anxiety. Praise your pup for be a GREAT dog when he has relieved himself.