

Crate Training

Dogs like (and need!) a den!

When done correctly...

- is NOT abuse...
 - Dogs are den animals. However, they need socialization, food, water, exercise, etc. Please use the crate when you are sleeping at night or when you are out of the house. Other than that, it can be used for a few minutes at a time for a “time-out” before joining the family again for lots of love.
- is effective.
- is a safe place for your dog...
 - We suggest to leave the door open during the day for your pup to use voluntarily when they need some space. Please ask your children to respect this “time-out” and let the pup have some quiet time.
- is helpful with potty training...
 - If it is small enough to fit them when they lay down, they will not potty in the crate and you can take them straight outside to potty with a treat and lots of praises!
- saves many of your shoes from being chewed when you are sleeping or out of the house!

We love the black wire crate from Ocean State Job Lot. We got the biggest one right away because it has a “divider wall” to make sections in the crate so you can make an area small enough for your pup. (Remember, if it’s too big, they will sleep in one corner and potty in the other.) It folds down for easy storage and transportation. It can be light and airy or you can throw a blanket over it for a dark hideaway. We love the two door options, too! We started collecting old towels and blankets to throw in there for “comfyness!” 😊

This is just the tip of the iceberg – please read up on crate training!