

Behavior/Training

What are some ways to make a crate a positive place for my dog? (What are some ways to crate train?)

4 Easy Tips for Crate Training Dogs

Try these tips to get your dog to hop in to the crate without a fuss:

1. Hold your dog gently, and face him/her toward the open dog crate or pen door. Toss several tasty treats inside, the meatier, the better. Keep your dog restrained for a second, then say, "Get the treat!" as you let go. Allow your dog to come out again right away without closing the door.
2. Do this again several times and when the dog is diving in willingly, close the pen door. Stay in the room and ignore the dog. Walk by twice and drop a couple of treats in. If the dog remains quiet, let him/her out right away.
3. Feed all meals, give all treats, and provide chew bones and water in the crate. Toss goodies in when the dog isn't looking and let the treats be found on their own. This helps your dog see his/her private place as a treasure trove of wonders.
4. Your dog reads you like a book, so if you make a sad face when he/she whines a bit, your dog will work that like a terrier until you let him/her out. Teach him/her that coming out of the dog crate is allowed only when he/she is quiet. Be consistent, calm and cool and your dog will take your cue when it comes to crate training.

You may also want to look through the information [here](#) for some additional insight.

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