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Crate Training

Giving the dog a safe place and giving you peace of mind!





Crate Training...What?

Crate training is an important part of training your dog. There are people who view this as a cruel thing; however, a dog's crate is like a bedroom, it's a safe place for your dog, where he can relax. Think of it as their "Den".

Why?

Crate training aids in the housebreaking, chewing, and safety of your dog. It also allows you to relax knowing your dog is in a safe place during those times that you are unable to supervise him. If the dog is comfortable in his crate, and you make use of it whilst you are home, it will be less likely that he will develop anxiety when you leave.

"People – and dogs – are dying to be trained."

-Ian Dunbar

There are many thoughts on why and how to crate train your dog. Every dog is different and learns at a different speed and with different motivators. The trick is to be patient and listen to your dog.

Crate Training...HOW?

The thing to remember first and foremost, is that we must make the crate a fun and happy experience for our dog.

How do we do that?

- ✿ Introduce your dog to the crate slowly allowing him to get comfortable going in on his own.
- ✿ Make sure he has plenty of chew toys inside.
- ✿ Utilize the crate when you are home.
- ✿ Do not force your dog into the crate or pick him up and put him inside.
- ✿ Do not leave him for more than 4hr periods & overnight.
- ✿ Never use it for Punishment!
- ✿ Keep Training sessions short!

Make it Happen:

1. Start with allowing your dog to get used to the crate with the door(s) open. Treat him when he gets close, sniffs it, or gets 1 or 2 paws in.
2. Allow him to go in & out freely. If he is outside and jumping on you, just wait him out, if you've been rewarding him in or near the crate, he will eventually decide to go back in on his own.
3. Give him 3 successive treats if he goes all the way in.
4. Once he is going in on his own frequently, start using a cue (kennel, bedtime, etc.) as he heads in.
5. This next step is vital. You will now shut the door after he goes in. You will only keep it shut for a couple seconds before you open it and give a treat. Do this repetition 6-10 times or until the dog remains relaxed in the crate.
6. Remember to use your release cue to let him out.

The next steps:

Start adding duration & distance. Take your time! Don't rush it and have patience. Your dog will get it and be happier for it.