

Binkies + Activity Toys



The Perfect Set for Long-Lasting Distraction!



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Crate Training Tips!

Crate training should be handled delicately. For your dog's comfort a crate/kennel should be large enough that the dog can reposition and move around without difficulty. It shouldn't be too large but think "small condo."



BEFORE going into the kennel, try and do some mental work. This can be "homework" or training cues, snuffle mats or food related activity toys as well as a physical activity such as a walk, fetch or fishing pole luring. (please see binkie and activity toy list on the back!) Ensure that the dog has had a full potty break as well.



Find a cue word (in, kennel, bed, crate) and toss a treat inside. DO NOT CLOSE THE DOOR! Praise with a marker once your dog has gone inside to collect the treat and give some TLC, then repeat for 5-10 minutes. This is a GAME! Once done, give the dog a "binkie." (Binkies are food / gooeey treat filled chew toys)



Repeat later in the day, but after 5-6 ins, close the door and open it, using an "out" marker and your praise marker. End again with a "binkie."



Repeat later in the day, closing the door occasionally and extending the length of time that the door is closed repeating the markers and endings.



Once the dog is freely walking into the kennel, close and exit the room. Wait until there is no vocalization and then reappear. This may be 10 seconds but DO NOT appear if there is vocalization.



Once you start closing the kennel, toss the "binkie" into the kennel versus the treat only reward. Build upon duration 2 minutes, 5 minutes, 10 minutes and so on but not appearing or opening the kennel door while crying.

Crate training is emotional for both the dog and the owner. Take it one step at a time! Ensure that the dog has access to water as stress can increase body temperature and dehydration.



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