

## Train your dog to enjoy being in a crate or on a mat when asked

This is a step-by-step guide to demonstrate how you can teach your dog or puppy to enjoy going inside a crate.

Teaching your dog through a gradual process will help them understand that the crate is a nice place to be and each step of the learning process is a pleasant one.

Practise each step at least 5 - 10 times:

- 1 Notice any interest your dog shows in the crate, now roll a treat away from the crate beyond where the dog is standing
- 2 Notice the approach towards the crate, now roll a treat away from the crate beyond where the dog is standing
- 3 Notice your dog put head or paws in the crate, now roll a treat away from the crate beyond where the dog is standing
- 4 Notice your dog get further into the crate....
- 5 When your dog goes completely into the crate, mark and deliver the treat onto the crate floor five times
- 6 Notice your dog inside the crate and mark/click whilst he is in there then roll the treat so he receives it outside of the crate
- 7 Notice your dog travel back to the crate and get inside, now repeat #6 another 2 or 3 times
- 8 If your dog doesn't get in the crate then go back to #2 or #3 depending on what he offers
- 9 Only add your cue for this trick 'In your crate' when your dog is reliably and happily going in and out of the crate
- 10 End on a good note! Train for just 2 or so minutes at any time, only attempt one or two steps at any time.

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