



Quick and Easy Crate Training Guide

Crate training is a game-changer for your pup!

Think of the crate as their personal “playpen” – a cozy spot to relax, nap, and feel safe.

Why Crate Training is Awesome

- Be ready for anything: It’s a lifesaver in unexpected situations.
- Safe haven: Great for potty training, bedtime, and vet visits.
- Chill zone: Perfect for when your pup needs a break from all the fun.

Just like you wouldn’t leave a toddler unsupervised, the same goes for your pup!

Getting Started

1. **Size Matters:** Choose a crate where your dog can comfortably stand, turn, and lie down.
 - 36” crate: Good for pups up to 6 months (or larger breeds until 4 months).
 - 42” crate: Fits medium-sized dogs like Labs and Golden Retrievers.
 - 48” crate: Spacious for big dogs like Boxers and Labs.

Training Steps

1. **Open Door:** Stand by the crate, call your dog, and reward them for coming.
2. **“CRATE” Command:** Say your dog’s name + “CRATE” and lure them in with a reward. Reward once they step in.
3. **Repeat:** Practice until they’re confidently entering the crate.
4. **Progress:** Drop rewards at the back of the crate. If they go in, mark and reward!
5. **Close the Door:** Start with 5 seconds, gradually increasing the time.
6. **Build Time:** Add more time with the door closed, rewarding calm behavior.

In no time, your dog will love their crate, and you’ll be able to step away with confidence.

Happy training! 🎉

