



GATED COMMUNITIES

Management is training....training is Management

Why your puppy or dog should live in a gated community

Using pens, crates and baby gates to define areas around their house is something professional dog people do as a part of daily life. Why? Because it helps manage their dogs behaviour in so many ways. A gated community in your home may be just one baby gate across a door or stairs for example. Or it may be a combination of pens, crates and baby gates, Whatever works for you and your home is fine.

Pros of living in a gated community

Defining separate areas around your home can help create a calm and relaxed environment for single or multi-dog households. It helps prevent dogs running at full speed through the house and doing "zoomies" which can injure them or us.

Gated communities are great for introducing a new puppy or dog to existing animals as the resident dog or cat can be exposed to the new addition from a safe distance, building positive interactions over time. Thus creating a much more positive relationship. Rather than a playful puppy who doesn't understand doggie etiquette annoying your older dog to the point where the older dog has to constantly tell the puppy off. This only creates a less than positive relationship and other problem behaviours for both dogs can result from this lack of good management on our part.

Gated communities are great for households where humans may agree the dogs have access to only certain parts of the house. This is especially important for young dogs and puppies. New puppy owners often give pups far too much freedom to wander the house unsupervised. Only to then wonder why puppy is peeing all over the house and their house training is not going all that well.

Gated communities helps your dog learn and understand separation from us is ok. Being with us 24/7 is not healthy for a dog, especially when we do need to go out. Your dog learns being separate from us, within the household is no big deal.

Visitors and new babies can be introduced to your household much easier with gated communities.

Cons of living in a gated community

You may not like the look of it...but there are some great options out there to help crates, gates and pens look aesthetically pleasing within the house.

You may not like opening/closing gates as you go through....you will get used to it as the pros created by gated communities far outweigh the cons.



Crates

Dog crates are great for giving dogs their own space to relax and switch off. They are a great tool in housetraining dogs/puppies and preventing unwanted behaviours through good management.

Crates don't have to look like cages. They can look like part of your furniture.



Baby gates and pens

Baby gates and pen areas don't need to look like gaol either. With a bit of creativity you can create an area that fits in with your environment.

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