

# PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

## ● HOW TO CRATE TRAIN YOUR DOG ●

### Why use it

A crate can be a “secret hideaway” for your dog, where she can escape to. It will speed house training, and is crucial for emergency evacuation and setting up at a pet friendly shelter.

### How to train it

Step 1. If your dog is nervous about the crate at first, make it fun! Do not close the door on her. Instead, have some toys inside, with a small blanket or t-shirt that you have slept with.

Step 2. Explore it with her, praise her when she goes into the crate. To help her explore, feed her inside, either from the bowl, or scatter her meal on the floor, or toss some yummy treats or a Kong inside.

Step 3. Build up the anticipation, close the door, and don't let her at the food right away. After a few seconds of waiting, let your dog in to enjoy the buffet! Don't try closing the door for the first few days.

Step 4. Once she will enter the crate on her own, and is comfortable with it, you can close the door when she is inside. You will want to vary the time the door is closed, maybe a quick one-second, or a longer six-seconds. Do not make a big production out of having her come out of the crate, you want to keep it low-key. The fun is being crated.

It is never too late to crate train your dog! You will want to have her in the crate whenever you are in the house, not just when you leave.



**Training Tip:** If your dog whines to get out, do NOT let her out! You do not want her to learn that whining, barking, scratching, or other undesirable behavior leads to her release. Instead, when she is happy and relaxed, you can let her out.

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