



CRATE TRAINING PLAN

Set up crate in a location convenient for keeping your dog in it while you are not home. Make it very comfortable with bedding, and cover all sides except the entrance with a blanket or sheet (so it's more like a safe den).

Do not proceed to next step until dog shows a clear positive emotional response (YIPPEE - ears up, eyes bright, tail wag) to the current step.

- 1) leave crate open all day and at random times, toss treats into it - at back**
- 2) lure dog with food into crate, toss treats (again, to back), let him exit**
- 3) lure dog with food into crate, keep tossing treats for as long as he stays in (if she doesn't come out at all, just stop feeding after a few minutes and walk away - do not give treats after he leaves)**
- 4) signal dog into crate (hand gesture with no food lure), keep tossing treats for as long as he stays in (if he doesn't come out at all, just stop feeding after a few minutes and walk away - do not give treats after he leaves)**
- 5) signal dog into crate, close door halfway, toss treats, let him exit**
- 6) signal dog into crate, close door all the way, toss treats, open door and let him exit**
- 7) signal dog into crate, close door for 3 seconds, feed, let him exit**
- 8) repeat #6 with door closed for 10 seconds**
- 9) make crate very comfy with bedding, signal dog in, give him stuffed kong, close door, stay near crate (watch TV or something) for 10 minutes, tossing treats in every 20-30 seconds**
- 10) repeat #8 next day but now occasionally leave room for a few seconds each time**
- 11) repeat #9 but now for 30 minutes and tossing treats less frequently (every minute)**
- 12) repeat #10 but now for 60 minutes and tossing treats less frequently (every few minutes)**
- 13) repeat #11 but now for 90 minutes and tossing treats less frequently (every few minutes)**
- 14) leave dog in crate with stuffed Kong, leave house for 30 minutes**
- 14) repeat #13, leaving for an hour**
- 15) repeat step #14, leaving for 2 hours**