

Hello new puppy owner,

In this checklist you'll find six tips on how to introduce your puppy to its dog crate. After reading this checklist, you'll know how to go about doing this.

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This checklist is part of my book *How to Crate-Train a Puppy: The Ultimate Guide*.

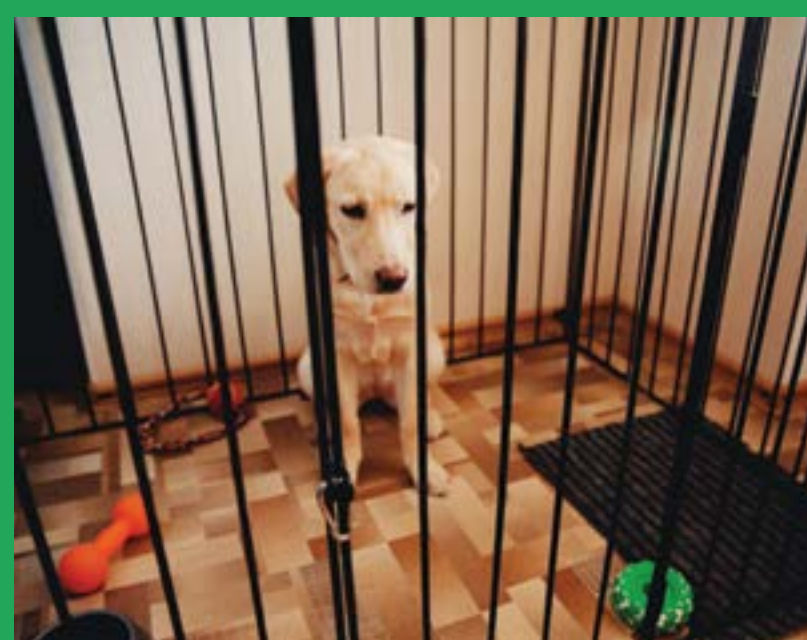
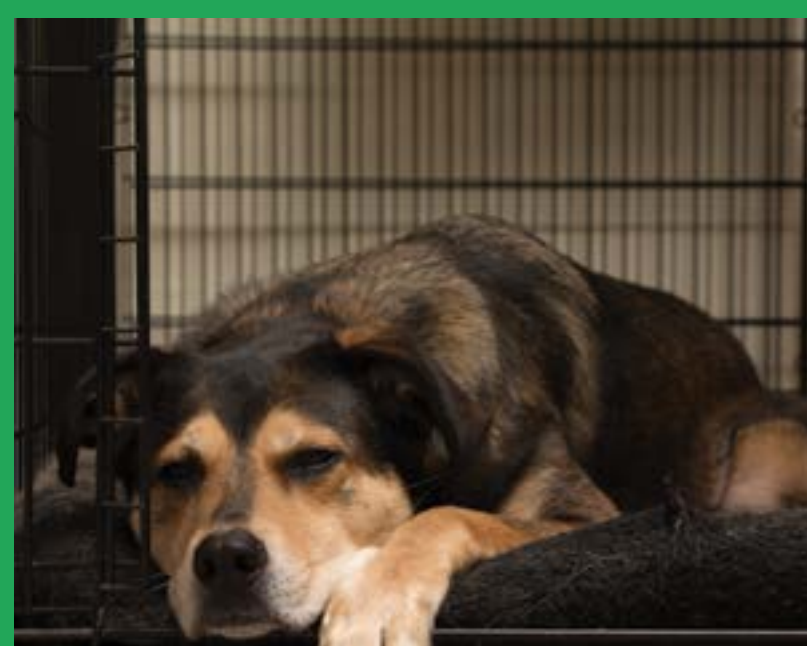
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Cheers!

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*Introducing the dog
crate***7.1** Introduction dog crate

Of course, before returning home with your puppy, you will have made sure that the dog crate is already in the right spot. Inside the dog crate, a nice comfortable pillow or blanket is waiting, possibly alongside a nice toy to play with.

As soon as you arrive home with your puppy for the first time, you allow it to familiarize itself with the objects and the furniture in your living room. You are not forcing anything. Do not focus on the dog crate. Just let the puppy take its time to explore its new home ground.



TIP

1

DINNERTIME

Once it's time to feed ***your*** puppy, just take the food bowl and walk over to the dog crate. Your puppy is likely to notice you preparing its food, so it will cheerfully walk after you as you go.

If you notice that your puppy is hesitant toward the dog crate, you could decide to place the food bowl in the opening to the dog crate. This allows your puppy to enjoy its dinner without having to enter the dog crate completely. Over the course of its next meals, gradually place the food bowl further inside the dog crate, until you have the puppy eating its dinner wholly inside the dog crate.

Feeding your puppy inside its dog crate will let it associate the dog crate with a positive experience—and this is exactly what we want to happen.

TIP

If you notice that your puppy is wolfing down its meals, gobbling it down way too fast, you could opt for scattering the dog food around the floor of the dog crate. This will force your puppy to make a bit of an effort as it searches for the food. At the same time, you'll be turning feeding into a fun game (inside the dog crate) too!

TIP

2

LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN

In the initial period, it is important for your puppy to feel at ease whenever it is inside the dog crate. Having the door locked is far less important. The puppy needs to regard the dog crate as a safe and pleasant place to be; you can worry about shutting the door after the dog crate has become just such a place for your puppy. It could be days before you close the door during the day. Closing the door at night is advisable, though. Read chapter 8 to find out why you should shut the door at night.

TIP

3

PROVIDE PLEASANT SURPRISES

Every now and then, (secretly) place a few treats inside the dog crate. Whenever your puppy happens to pass by the dog crate, it will be pleasantly surprised to see or smell something yummy in there. If you regularly arrange pleasant surprises such as these, you will notice your puppy walking over to the dog crate more often, which is of course exactly what we want.



TIP

4

ENJOYING THE BEST TREATS INSIDE THE DOG CRATE

Whenever you buy your puppy a nice treat, such as a bone or a special puppy snack, you should calmly direct the puppy to its dog crate and then hand it the bone or whatever tasty bite you have waiting for it.

The same advice applies here: don't close the door to the dog crate during the first few days. The first step is making the puppy feel at ease inside the dog crate. Closing the door right away will not help achieve this.





TIP

5

SLEEP

On average, puppies sleep for 18 hours a day. This will be considerably less at first because your puppy will need to get used to you and to its new surroundings. In the days that follow, you will notice that your puppy needs to lie down more often and have a good little nap. You should consider yourself lucky if it takes these naps inside the dog crate, because 9 times out of 10, this will not be the case.

When you notice that your puppy has fallen asleep, feel free to just pick it up and place it on the comfortable pillow you have waiting inside the dog crate. If you are physically unable to lift the puppy up somehow, feel free to direct it to the dog crate by luring it with a tasty snack. Sit beside it for a few minutes and wait for it to go back to sleep. Then, calmly walk away from the dog crate and return to whatever you were doing. Here too, don't close the dog crate door at first.



TIP

6

DON'T FOCUS ON THE DOG CRATE TOO MUCH

On the first day, everything is completely new for your puppy: the car ride, a new environment, new scents, and so on.

Of course, it is advisable to apply all the tactics mentioned above, such as feeding the puppy inside the dog crate and arranging pleasant surprises. Do note, however, that you should not focus on the dog crate too much on the first day. Don't push your puppy to inspect the dog crate every 30 minutes. Try to restrict these moments to feeding times (described at tip 1) and 1–3 pleasant surprises (tip 2). As the days go by, you can gradually expand this by adding other dog crate tactics, as tips 4 and 5 explain.

THE END

So there you have it—you have now read chapter 7.1 Introduction dog crate of my book *How to Crate-Train a Puppy: The Ultimate Guide*.

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Thank you for reading and all the best to you and your puppy,

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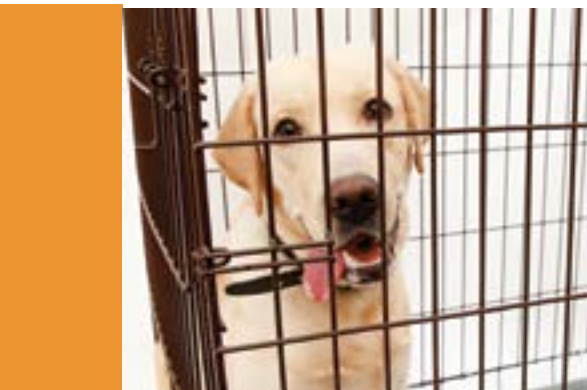
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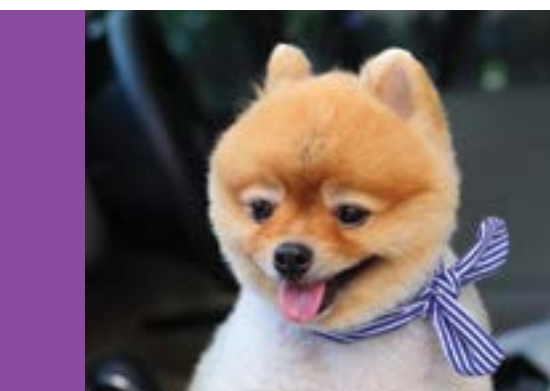
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