



Woofpack Dog Training
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Crate Training

Why Do We Crate Train?

- Safety
 - Limit access to objects that could harm your puppy
 - Comfort
- Potty Training
 - Easier to house train when your puppy has a small, comfortable space where they don't urinate or defecate

How to Crate Train:

STEP 1: GIVE THE CUE

Tell your dog, "Crate!" and guide them into their crate using their favorite treat.

TIP: Make sure to say the command word **prior** to guiding so that your pup is listening to the cue and not just focusing on the treat.

STEP 2: TIMING THE REWARD

As soon as your dog has all paws inside the crate, tell them, "Good!" And give them the treat.

STEP 3: REPEAT

Repeat until your pup enters the crate on cue.

STEP 4: ADD TIME AND INCREASE REWARDS

Slowly add time to your pup's crate stays.

TIP: Give random shorter times in between long stays so your pup doesn't get discouraged.

Keys to Crate Training:

- **Move slowly.**
- **Give good experiences.**
 - Feed your dog in their crate.
 - Leave treats or a small amount of kibble inside for your dog to find on their own.
- **Leave the crate open when you're home.**
 - Allow your dog to explore the crate and not associate it with your absence.
- **Reward at the right times.**
 - Reward calm behavior.
- **Don't reward unwanted behaviors.**
 - Don't let your pup out for barking - this teaches them that barking is not the way out.

*Your crate should be large enough that your pup can stand up and turn around comfortably.