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CRATE TRAINING PUPPIES

Why should I crate train my puppy?

Every puppy needs to learn the skill of resting calmly in a crate. This skill will be needed in different areas of your puppy's life. It may be needed at the veterinary hospital, for traveling and for restricted activity due to illness. Not to mention it's a lifesaver during the destructive chewing and potty training stages in a puppies life.

Preparing your puppy for the crate.

Make the crate a pleasant place for your puppy to rest. A few safe chew toys and a treat can help the puppy relax. Don't trick the puppy about the crate. Give a treat when the pup goes in, but don't be sneaky about shutting the crate door. Never use the crate as punishment for your puppy. This is your pups den. Your puppy needs to feel the safest in his or her crate. You should always allow your puppy access to the crate, sometimes they will use the crates a safe haven to escape what it may feel is a threat. When you are at home and awake, supervise the puppy in person rather than using the crate. Puppies need exercise, mental stimulation and guidance from you to grow up happy and secure.

Where should I place my puppy's crate ?

Having your puppy's crate in the bedroom for sleeping tends to help the puppy because it can hear, smell and possibly see you. Not being alone, the puppy usually finds it easier to become accustomed to the crate. Your sleeping helps set the scene for the puppy to sleep, too. Puppies sleep up to 14 hours a day. If the crate time is scheduled with your sleep time it would be ideal for your puppy.