What Size Crate Do I Need?

For extra small dogs like Yorkshire Terriers, Maltese, Pekinese, and other toy breeds.

18 - 22 in. Extra Small

For small dogs like Poodles, Shihtzus, Miniature Dachshunds and other small or miniature breeds.

24 in. Small

For medium-sized dogs like French Bulldogs, Dachshunds, Scottish Terriers, and other medium breeds.

30 in. Medium

For intermediate dogs like Bulldogs, Bull Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, and similar breeds.

36 in. Intermediate

For large dogs like Boxers, Border Collies, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and similar breeds.

48 in. Large

For extra large dogs like Akita, Great Danes, Rottweilers, Bullmastiffs, Collies, and other extra large breeds.

48+ in. Extra Large

Types of Dog Crates

The traditional wire crate is a good choice for most dogs. Most models now come with a removable pan for easy cleaning and are fully collapsible for easy transport and storage.

Wire Crate

Travel crates make great choices for frequent travelers. Hard plastic crates are generally accepted for pet travel when checked in cargo.

Travel Crates

Decorative crates make it easy to travel with your dog, and are an excellent way to hide your home décor.

Decorative Crates

Crate Training 101

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Why Crate Train?

Pets are prepared for travel

Creates a safe haven during stressful times

Pets are more at home at vet, groomer & during boarding

Potty train in less time

Never use the crate as a punishment for bad behavior.

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Always make the crate a warm inviting place. Includes toys and chewy bones.

How to Crate Train Your Dog

Step 1: Introduce the Crate

Place the crate in a quiet corner of a regularly used room, like your living room, and put a soft blanket or bed and a few toys inside.

Give praise if they explore it on their own.

Step 2: Stepping Inside

Gradually work up to having them step inside the crate. Eventually ask them to step inside entirely, using small treats as rewards.

Add a command, like “Crate” or “Go to bed.” Keep a single and consistent voice every time you are working with the crate.

Step 3: Closing the Door

Once they are comfortable going in and out of the crate, ask them to go in and stay closed.

Only close it for a second or two, then open it. Give lots of praise for quiet, good behavior.

Briefly work up to having the door closed for a few minutes, 10 minutes while they are sitting ready.

Step 4: Meals & Nap time

Your dog is now comfortable going inside the crate with the door closed.

Begin to feed all of their meals inside the crate with the door closed. This will help make the crate a desirable place.

You may notice your puppy retreating to their crate for naps. If they don’t do it on their own, you can put them in their crate when they are sleepy.

Step 5: Leaving the House

Begin getting ready to leave the house. Calmly, and without any loud gong, direct your dog to their crate.

Leave the house. The first few times only leave for a few minutes working up to longer absences.

When you return, wait for your dog’s excitement to die down. Ignore any whining and let your dog out of the crate once they are sales.

Congratulations! Your dog should now view their crate as a safe, comfortable place, and they’ll stay safely out of trouble while you are away!

F.A.Q.s

How long does crate training take?

It depends. Some dogs get the hang of it right away. Others are frightened and take much longer to acclimate to being alone. Do not rush as your dogs is comfortable. If you rush the process, you’ll do more harm than good.

What do I do if my dog whines?

Do your puppy need to go to the bathroom? Once you’ve determined that they are whining because they want to go out of the crate, you’ll need to ignore the behavior. Wait until the whining stops to let them out. Otherwise, you are teaching them that if they cry, they can get what they want. This can be frustrating! Never yell or shake the crate, just ignore the behavior.

Can crate-training your dog cure separation anxiety?

No! crate training does not cure separation anxiety. It does keep some dogs safe while their parents must go away, but others get so antsy that they require multiple appointments with a Behavior Consultant with your veterinarian and a professional trainer to get help with separation anxiety. It is usually treated with very slow desensitization and sometimes along with anxiety medication.

Find more answers to your questions from our experts on thatpetplace.com or thatpetblog.com