

# ***A Private Room with A View***



***Secrets to easy crate training  
and stress-free traveling with your pet***

## **Why crate training you ask?**

Most traditional domesticated pets still possess natural instincts as a den animal. In the wild, to our pet, a den is their home, a place to sleep, hide from danger and raise a family. The crate becomes your pets' den. The perfect spot to sleep or take shelter during a thunderstorm.

The primary use for a crate for the pet owner is to assist with house training. As a pet generally doesn't like to soil their den, by instinct, the crate becomes a safe zone for house training. Crates can also be used for safety and restraint as well.



## **Crate Training No – No's**

The crate isn't a magical solution to behavior problems. If not used correctly, a pet can feel trapped and get frustrated.

- Never use the crate as a punishment tool. Your pet will fear the crate and not want to enter it at all.
- Don't leave your pet in the crate too long. How would you like it? A pet that's in a crate day and night doesn't get exercise or human interaction. This will cause the pet to become anxious, depressed and frustrated.
- Pets under six months of age shouldn't be contained in the crate for more than 3 – 4 hours at a time. They can't control their bladder and bowels at this age. Likewise, if you are starting to house train an adult pet, they can hold it usually,

however, in the crate they don't know they're supposed hold it at the beginning of the crate training process.

## **The Crate Training Process**



### **1. Introduce the Crate Slowly**

Setup the crate in an area of the house that your pet frequents. Open the door and just leave it alone. Allow your pet to investigate the new piece of furniture at their own pace. NEVER force your pet into the crate during the training period. If your pet doesn't exhibit any interest in the crate, then you can add a blanket, a favorite toy and some food. Position these items around the crate door and inside the crate. Let your pet discover the crate at their own pace. Stay casual when interacting with the crate and your pet. Lots of patience is needed at this point in the training. The idea here is to get your pet comfortable with going inside the crate on their own. This sometimes takes days.

### **2. Feeding Time Inside the Crate**

Once your pet is comfortable with going into the crate on their own then you can start putting the food inside the crate at feeding time. This will create a positive association with the crate and extend the duration of time your pet stays inside the crate. Leave the door open during this phase of the training. Again, no sudden moves or harsh tones of voice. Just keep the activity and interaction low key.

### **3. Close the Crate**

When your pet has eaten their food while located all the way inside the crate a few times, it's time to close the door. So, once your pet is in the crate eating, gently close the door, but open it as soon as your pet is done eating. Each time you successfully complete this routine, you can add a delay of a few minutes to when you open the

door. If your pet whines or becomes upset, open the door immediately but try not to encourage continuous whining. You don't want the pet to think that whining will open the door either. Just cut the amount of delay down and stay with the process, being patient and gentle with your pet always.

#### **4. A Longer Stay in The Crate**

Once your pet is relaxing and chilling in the closed crate without signs of stress, it's time to lengthen the closed crate time interval a bit. Use a favorite toy or treat to get your pet to enter the crate, then close the door. Casually sit, lay or just hang out by the crate for several minutes, then slowly go into another room for a few minutes so your pet can get used to staying in the crate alone. When you return to the room, don't open the crate right away. Sit down again for a few minutes, then open the door. Keep increasing the training interval at this stage until your pet is comfortable to stay in the closed crate for half an hour without you having to be in the room.

#### **5. Leaving and Coming Back**

The idea here is to make going into the crate seem completely normal for your pet. Try to avoid exciting your pet, remain calm and in control. Encourage your pet to enter the crate and praise them when they do. When you come home stay low key and ignore any excited behavior that they display. Remain calm and patient ... your pet will follow your lead.



# **Best Practices for Traveling with Your Pet**

## **Try a Short Trip Before a Long One**

Before heading out on a long trip, take some shorter drives to see how your pet responds. Most pets do well on the road, but you never know.

## **Health and Well-being**

The last thing we all want to have is a sick pet when traveling or at home. This means a visit to your vet for a checkup and to ensure that your pet is up-to-date with all necessary vaccinations. Your vet can also issue a health certificate for your pet. If you and your pet will be traveling across state lines, you must obtain a recent health certificate and a certificate of rabies vaccination. If your plans include traveling with your pet from the United States to Canada, you will need to bring along a certificate issued by a veterinarian that clearly identifies the animal and certifies that your pet has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36-month period. Be sure to contact the government of the province you plan to visit as each province has its own requirements.

## **Safety First!**

Be sure that your pet is safely restrained in your vehicle. Utilizing a pet safety harness, travel crate, vehicle pet barrier, or pet car seat are some of the best ways to keep your pet safe. They not only protect your pet from injury, but they help by keeping them from distracting you when you are driving or when your family is getting in and out of the vehicle. Be sure to bring a first aid kit just in case.

## **Comfortable Seating**

If you make your pet's comfort a priority, they will have a tendency to remain relaxed and calm. Be sure to bring a favorite blanket, travel bed and some toys to keep them occupied. And plan for the normal pit stops for your pet as well.

## Travel ID TAGs - a Great Idea!

What if your pet runs off while you're traveling? We recommend making a temporary identification tag and keeping a photo of your pet with you. These two items will help ensure their safe return. Add travel ID tag to your pet's collar in addition to their permanent tag. Include your cell phone number and your email address. Also bring along a current photo of your pet. A photograph will make it easier for others to help you find your lost pet.

## Packing for your Pet

When packing for your pet include the following items:

- Plenty of your pet's favorite food. Don't rely on stopping along the way to pick up their food as their brand of favorite food may not be available during your travels.
- A set of collapsible travel food and water bowls
- Bedding, favorite blankets, toys.
- Litter and Litter box.
- Leash, collar, tags, crate or kennel
- Don't forget to bring plenty of water for your pet too.

## Rules of the Road

- Keep heads and paws inside the car. Your pet may enjoy sticking their head out the window, but riding this way could cause ear damage or expose your pet to lung infections. There is also the danger posed by flying debris.
- Plenty of Pit Stops for bathroom breaks and exercise.
- When you stop be sure to provide lots of water to your pet. If your pet has an upset stomach and is having a hard time drinking water, then just put a few ice cubes in the water bowl instead of water.
- Cut the food intake a little and don't treat them with fast food tidbits.
- ***Never leave your pet alone in the car.*** This is just common sense.

***Happy trails to you and your best friend!***

## How to Open and Close the Pop-up Pet Kennel



**1**  
Opening the Crate: Remove the folded pet crate from the zipper carry pouch.



**2**  
Hold the crate firmly with one hand while removing the retention strap from the crate.



**3**  
Crate will automatically spring open into a flat position, so keep a firm grip.



**4**  
The crate will transition from a figure 8 into a flat shape. Open the flat crate once more.



**5**  
Gripping opposite black seams, move your hands apart to allow the crate to expand.



**6**  
The crate will naturally pop open into a square box like shape.

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## To Collapse or Stow Away the Pop-up Pet Kennel



**1**  
**Collapsing the Crate:** Zip closed the front entry on the crate.



**2**  
Place your hands on opposite black seams and bring your hands together to start collapsing.



**3**  
Once the crate is collapsed, the it can be folded over on itself. See next picture.



**3**  
Fold the crate in on itself to the flat configuration above.



**4**  
Twist the crate into the figure eight pose shown above.



**5**  
Bend at the twist bringing the opposite ends together.



**7**  
Bring the opposite ends together so that you can hold the crate position in this configuration with one hand.



**8**  
Pull the built-in black retention strap around the crate to secure the folded crate in stowed configuration.



**9**  
Return the stowed crate to the zipper carry pouch for compact storage.

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