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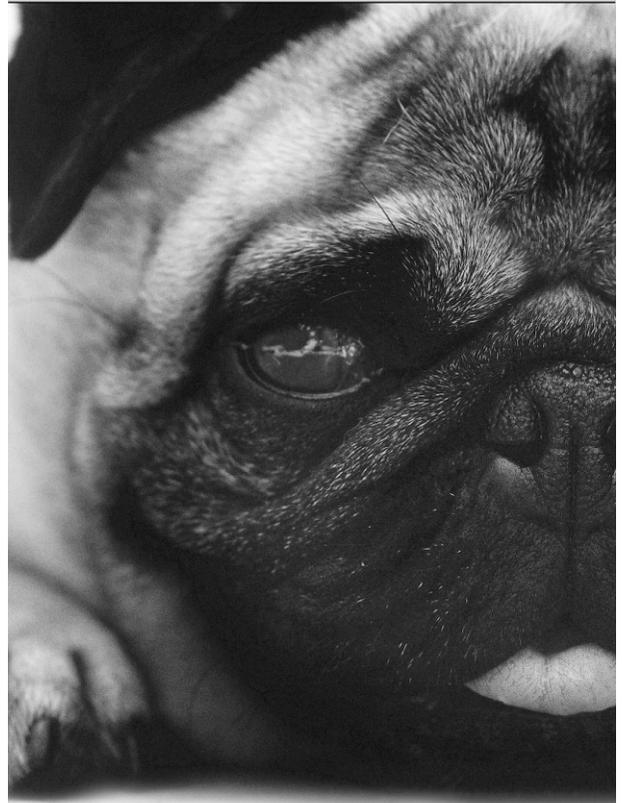
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CRATE TRAINING





he easiest way to control your dog in your home when it's not being trained is to use a crate. Your dog's crate is its home within your home, its refuge, the place that is its own. It is NOT a place of punishment.

Since the crate is the dog's refuge, don't let the kids play in there. The crate belongs to the dog, not the kids. It's a good way to keep them apart.

Crates come in different sizes, appropriate to the size of your dog as an adult. There are two main varieties:

- Wire crates, some of which are collapsible. They may have epoxy coatings and removable pans.
- Fiberglass or plastic crates which are not collapsible but are appropriate for shipping your dog by air, if you ever need to.

CRATE TRAINING IS EASY.

RULE 1: Don't close the door right away. Feed the dog in there, give it special treats at the door and throw more inside, have especially fun toys in there.

When the toys migrate out of the crate, return them to the crate so the dog has to go inside to get them. Leave the door open so the dog can go in and out at will.

After awhile, close the door while the dog is eating in the crate. As soon as it's done eating, open the door again and let it out.

Later close the door when the dog goes in for a treat but open it again as soon as the dog turns around. Close the door when the dog goes in and give it treats through the bars while the door is closed, then open the door again. Continue this, gradually increasing the time the door is closed but keeping it fun.

RULE 2: Don't isolate your dog in its crate. It will want to be in the midst of whatever is going on in your family.

So put the crate wherever the family is. (It may help to make a set of wheels for the crate, so you can move it easily.)

At bedtime, take the crate to wherever the dog is to sleep, make sure its blanket is in there, pet your dog quietly, snuggle it goodnight, put it in the crate, close the door and turn off the lights. Another good go-to-bed cue is a tiny dog biscuit.

RULE 3: If the dog has to spend most of its time in the crate, such as when you're at work, make sure it has water and interesting toys. The water should be in a metal bucket inextricably attached to the wall, so it won't tip over. Interesting toys include frozen stuffed Kongs, Buster cubes, and safe chewies.