

KENNEL UP

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Training Tip Tuesday: Kennel up!

Even if you never intend to crate your dog at home; getting them familiar and comfortable with a crate is very beneficial. Not only does it give them a 'safe space' to retire to if they are feeling stressed, but if your dog ever needs to stay at the vets or groomers; they **will** be crated and being familiar with it helps reduce stress. I could go on and on about crates - but i'll try to keep this on the shorter side. If you would like more information on crate training; or even why its a good idea - PM me! in the meantime, here are some do's and don't of the crate:

Crating Do's and Don'ts

- *The crate should NEVER be used as a punishment.
- * Do not yell at the dog when they are in the crate.
- * Do not shake the crate, or throw things at the crate.
- * Do not let children (or adults!) tease a dog in their crate..
- * Do not crate the dog away from the family.
- * Do not force your dog into a crate
- * Do not leave you dog crate for unnecessarily long periods of time

- * Do make their crate a safe haven
- * Do make it comfortable and inviting
- * Do provide some form of entertainment (stuffed kong, bone, etc..)
- * Do take your time training your dog to the crate – make it fun and positive
- * Do watch your dog for signs of stress and anxiety in the beginning
- * Do occasionally crate your dog for short periods when you're home so he doesn't associate being crated with you leaving
- * Do get your dog some exercise before putting him in his crate
- * Do pick an appropriate size and material

and of course - a video of Dais & Kod. Their cue is "Box" . They love their crates and will hang out in them of their own choice.

<https://youtu.be/6MfRljxwKvQ>