

## THE INDOOR KENNEL

### *Dog Training Tips*



- The indoor kennel (crate) should be long enough for your dog to turn around, stretch, lie down and high enough to sit up
- When introducing the indoor kennel do not force him in and shut the door, introduce it gradually.
- Try to associate all things the dog finds pleasurable with the crate, e.g. feed him in the kennel with the door open or tie a filled bone / kong to the back of it as this will entice the dog to go in & stay for a while
- Place the dog's bed in the kennel with a non spill water bowl and something to occupy the dog such as a filled bone. When he is relaxed and happy close the door and leave him in for a short period of time.
- Gradually increase the time you are leaving him until he can be left for up to 3 or 4 hours. Do not rush the introduction process
- Take advantage of the puppy's natural sleeping times, putting him in the kennel after he has played or fed.
- Take your dog's collar off when you are leaving him alone to prevent any danger.
- Never use to punish, put in solitary confinement etc.
- Never leave in the crate for long periods e.g. whilst at work all day.
- When using the kennel always take the dog out regularly to exercise, play and go to the toilet.
- Place the kennel in an area near to the family where the dog can see everything
- Place the kennel in a corner perhaps with a blanket over the back and sides to give the kennel a secure feeling that feels like a den to the dog.
- Do not place the kennel next to a radiator or fire.
- The dog must never be frightened or shouted at while in the kennel.
- It should become a place the dog enjoys spending time in his 'den'