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**Main Ideas**



Any dog owner who has successfully crate-trained a puppy will tell you that it is well worth the time and effort. Crate training makes for happier dogs and happier owners. For one thing, it is easier to housebreak a dog that is crate trained. Dogs do not like to do their business in a confined area, so if you take your dog out immediately before and immediately after putting them in their crate, they will soon

understand that they are supposed to do their business outside. Another good reason to crate train your dog is to establish your dominance in the house. If you let your dog up onto your furniture, or allow them to sleep in the bed with you, they will perceive themselves as your equal and may not obey you as they should. Crate training establishes that they have their own space. Most dogs come to enjoy being in their crate, as they feel safe and secure there. A third reason to crate train your dog is so that you can maintain control over the dog and your household when answering the door and letting in guests. If your dog gets overexcited when company arrives, you can easily solve the problem by putting the dog in his crate. You might think that crating a dog is like putting him in jail, but nothing could be further from the truth. A crate trained dog means a happy dog and a happy owner.

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