

THE KENNEL AS A PUNISHMENT

NEVER use the kennel as a way to punish your puppy or dog. Doing so will cause him to fear the kennel, which means it becomes a less effective training aid.

THE KENNEL AS A TIME-OUT

While the kennel should never be used to punish your dog, it is very effective as a place for your dog to have a brief time-out. Time-outs help to eliminate unwanted behaviors such as puppy nipping, excessive rowdiness and attention-seeking behaviors such as whining.

Time-outs are most effective if they are delivered as unemotionally as possible. For example: if your puppy is nipping you, step on his leash so that he can't do so. After a few moments initiate play again. For most pups, a few repetitions of this is enough for them to begin to get the idea that nipping people ends all of the fun. But, if your pup isn't making the connection after a few on-leash time-outs, you might consider letting him spend a few minutes in his kennel to get control of himself. Calmly walk him to his kennel and avoid any verbal or physical reprimands. After a few minutes, let him out and try another play/training session.



Rowdy? Out of control? Your dog's kennel is the perfect place for a time-out.